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Communists snubbed with vote to change Leningrad to St Petersburg

Yeltsin races to poll triumph

Russian leader to meet Bush

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

BORIS Yeltsin's supporters yesterday claimed outright victory in Russian elections that produced a clean sweep for democrats over the communists. The newly-elected leader will meet President Bush in Washington next week.

Mr Yeltsin beat his closest rival by at least 30 percentage points in the race to become Russia's first democratically-elected president. The people of Leningrad further rebuffed the communist party with a vote to revert to the city's original name of St Petersburg.

The democrat mayors of Moscow and Leningrad both easily retained their posts, and the radicals scored another victory when the Leningrad historian Yuri Afanasyev beat a member of the Russian communist party leadership to take a seat in parliament.

Although the results of the presidential election will not be officially declared until Monday, a spokesman for the electoral commission said: "We can now say with certainty that a second round will not be necessary." Mr Yeltsin needed 50 per cent of all votes cast to avoid a second ballot against the former prime minister Nikolai Ryzhkov. Tass reported that he had gained between 55 and 58 per cent across the republic.

Mr Yeltsin's victory and the Leningrad vote were seen as a decisive rejection of seven decades of communist rule. Some analysts believed that President Gorbachev would now be forced to embark on more radical reforms. Sweeping changes in Moscow's administrative structure are expected to be announced today after the re-election of Gavriil Popov as mayor. Mr Popov said last night that the elections, which also saw Anatoli Sobchak returned as mayor of Leningrad, had been "a great event in Russian history and brought Russia into the family of civilised nations which choose their leaders by direct popular elections".

Announcing Mr Yeltsin's forthcoming visit to Washington, the White House also welcomed the switch to free elections. Officials took pains to praise the process rather than the man to avoid offending or undermining President Gorbachev, and suggested that Mr Bush would be meeting Mr Yeltsin primarily to show his support for Soviet democracy.

The election was a "historic step for the Russian people and the Soviet Union", Marlin Fitzwater, the presidential spokesman, said. "It certifies the commitment of the Soviet leadership and its people towards establishing a political system that is democratic and pluralistic."

Mr Fitzwater also hinted that Mr Bush and Mr Gorbachev may meet privately after the Group of Seven economic summit next month. John Major announced in the Commons yesterday that the long-expected invitation to the Soviet leader to come to London had now been extended. Mr Gorbachev will arrive on the morning of July 17, the day the summit ends, and have a working meeting and lunch with the seven leaders. He will then remain for a further day for talks with Mr Major.

Mr Yeltsin won his biggest majorities in the urban centres of the Urals and in Moscow and Leningrad, where he won 70 per cent of the vote. In his home city of Sverdlovsk, he gained 90 per cent. Mr Ryzhkov received consistently around 20 per cent, while the other four candidates lagged far behind. Mr Yeltsin's only recorded loss by last night was in Kyzyl, close to the Chinese border, where he was four points behind Mr Ryzhkov.

Mr Yeltsin did well even in the so-called "autonomies" which are populated largely by non-Russian ethnic groups. These regions had been expected to oppose him because of his supposed sympathy for Russian nationalism.

Only in the former Tatar autonomous republic did the turnout fall below the 50 per cent required to validate the presidential election. Nationalists in the republic want the region to withdraw from the Russian Federation and become a full Soviet republic.

The vote in favour of St Petersburg confounded all forecasts and was achieved in spite of determined opposition from war veterans, who invoked memories of the 900-day nazi siege, and the com-

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Major to break with Thatcher line today

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major is today expected to signal a firm break with his predecessor, Margaret Thatcher, on European policy. In a speech to Welsh Conservatives in Swansea, Mr Major will insist on his belief that Britain's future lies in wholehearted co-operation within the European Community.

Mr Major was said by friends last night to be ready to make the psychological break. Urged on by senior colleagues, he has now determined that he can no longer allow the possible reactions of Mrs Thatcher, or those who cherish the memory of her leadership, to affect his conduct as prime minister and that he must "do his own thing" regardless of the consequences.

At ten points behind Labour in the opinion polls, many of his colleagues feel that he no longer has any choice but must confirm his own authority. There is a strong belief within the cabinet that die-hard Euro-sceptics have gone too far, and that Mr Major can now afford to dare them to do their worst. Yesterday Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, in a speech to the Foreign Press Association, paid tribute to Mr Major for the "remarkable job" he had done in six months as Tory leader. He also claimed that the Euro-critics' bubble had burst.

Mr Major was last night encouraged to be bold as Tory MPs demonstrated their anger with the critics, who have been sniping at the leadership on Europe and other issues. At a meeting of the backbench 1922 committee, Michael Jopling, the former chief whip, was given what some MPs called one of the longest desk-banging ovations for years, after he declared that the party fully backed the line Mr Major and Norman Lamont, the chancellor, were taking to get the best deal they could for Britain in Europe.

Mr Jopling did not name names, but MPs had little doubt that Nicholas Ridley, the former environment secretary who this week urged Mr Major not to gag Mrs Thatcher, was his target when he said that former ministers should show the sort of support for the government which they had expected when in office. Mr Jopling added that those who were retiring at the next election should be particularly careful not to damage Tory prospects.

Mr Major yesterday ducked a Commons question from Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, on whether he believed in the principle of a single currency even if he would resist its imposition on Britain. The prime minister also ignored other opportunities to hit back at the Bruges group. Tory MPs believed this was because he wished to retain the maximum impact for today's speech.

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US admits misgivings over Kuwait regime

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

WASHINGTON has finally admitted its unhappiness with the conduct of Kuwait's restored rulers. James Baker, the American Secretary of State, has publicly described the Kuwaiti government as not "the optimum regime".

American officials have privately expressed concern about Kuwaiti shortcomings since the Iraqis were driven from the emirate four months ago, but they have not done so publicly until this week.

The US administration had not wanted to risk tarnishing its Gulf victory by openly denouncing Kuwaiti actions, including treatment of Palestinians and alleged collaborators. The reaction was to claim that rights abuses could not be substantiated.

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Howard welcomes jobless 'slowdown'

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

MICHAEL Howard, the employment secretary, yesterday welcomed what he said was a slowdown in the rise in unemployment.

He announced that the seasonally adjusted figure had risen for the 14th consecutive month to 2.24 million. He was immediately attacked by Labour, but comparisons with the recession of the early 1980s suggest that ministers have grounds for their guarded optimism.

The latest increase provoked stormy exchanges in the Commons, with John Major, the prime minister, accusing Labour of using the unemployed as "political pawns." Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, said that the latest rise was a direct result of government policies. He said that "rising unemployment and deep recession provide the most accurate definition of Majorism".

Mr Major hit back by saying that under the Conservatives, there had been a great increase in the number of people in work and as inflation fell that would again be the case. To Labour jeers, he taunted Mr Kinnock: "You should stop using the unemployed as political pawns."

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World group will develop successor to Concorde

From HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT, IN PARIS

SEVEN of the world's most technically advanced nations are joining forces to design the first "global aircraft", a supersonic successor to Concorde which will be capable of carrying 250 passengers at twice the speed of sound over 6,000 miles.

Research has shown that most of the problems caused by sonic boom and exhaust gases can now be overcome by the use of sophisticated aerodynamic techniques and new thermoplastic materials, and it is hoped that the first aircraft could be in service by 2005. The cost of development, however, is likely to exceed £5 billion, and Britain, France, Italy, Germany, Japan, the Soviet Union and the United States have agreed to pool expertise in producing a single design, which would have a supersonic monopoly in the next decade.

Although the new aircraft will fly at about the same speed as Concorde – 1,500 mph – its greater range will enable lucrative trans-Pacific routes, such as Los Angeles to Tokyo, to be flown in 4 hours 18 minutes, instead of the present, subsonic, time of 10 hours 18 minutes.

But the plans, which have now reached an advanced stage, break both the EC's policy on competition and the strict US anti-trust laws. Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, America's two biggest aircraft manufacturers, who are closely linked in the design work for the new plane, admit that if they are to be allowed to collude formally in the production of a new supersonic transport, new anti-trust legislation will almost certainly be needed.

With many of Europe's aerospace companies, including British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce, now openly co-operating on the design of a Concorde successor, worrying rumbles have already been heard from Brussels.

Ironically the manufacturers are to ask the EC for cash for further research and, as the Paris Air Show opened yesterday, it became clear that within the next few years ever-closer links between the world's aerospace manufacturers is inevitable. Even the "British" success, the four-engined 146 regional jet, has almost half its parts made in the US, China and India, and the company is actively seeking further partners.

The American business-jet maker, Gulfstream, said yesterday that it is to build three prototype, small, supersonic, business aircraft jointly with the Russian military giant, Sukhoi, and Airbus Industrie has not ruled out co-operation with the Japanese, or even arch-rivals in America, in developing new civil aircraft.

The long-term success of the Concorde's successor will depend on the size of the eventual market, currently estimated at between 500 and 1,000 aircraft, each with a lifespan of well over 25 years.

Aerospatiale, the French company which first began serious research into the project in 1989, is convinced that even that will not be sufficient to allow two competing designs. They are now preparing a detailed argument, together with leading industrialists from all its new partners, to put before politicians and lawyers in an effort to ensure that the global aircraft concept is not killed off by bureaucracy before it even flies.

Hanson sells assets secretly

By ANGELA MACKAY

HANSON plc, the industrial conglomerate stalking ICI, orchestrated a secret restructuring in 1989 involving the internal sale and purchase of assets worth £9.5 billion.

The assets, mostly held by subsidiaries incorporated in tax-free havens such as Panama and Bermuda, include Imperial Tobacco and SCM Chemicals as well as some of Hanson's £6 billion acquisitions fund. Martin Taylor, one of Hanson's vice-chairmen, said the group did not tell shareholders because the changes did not affect the company's balance sheet.

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Bringing a £40,000 bank windfall to account

By RAY CLANCY

SHELLY Yeoh was surprised to find herself £40,000 richer than she had thought when she checked her bank acount. Some time later, Barclays, finding itself £40,000 poorer, realised it had made a mistake. By then, however, Mrs Yeoh had withdrawn her windfall and yesterday the bank, unable to trace her, took action.

"We have served a writ by way of an advert in a newspaper because we have been unable to trace the customer at her last given address," the bank said. "We are anxious to recover the money which was credited by mistake."

The legal notice in the *Islington Gazette*, a north London weekly newspaper, calls on Mrs Yeoh to contact her bankers or their solicitor within seven days. It gives notice that legal action has started in the High Court to recover the £40,000, plus interest, and that she is required to produce a list of her assets, details of any bank or building society accounts and details of her husband's financial affairs.

Should Mrs Yeoh, last heard of at Melgund Road, Highbury, north London, read this article, Barclays would be grateful if she would pay the money back (with interest, please).

The money was credited to the account at Holloway business centre in June last year. In Melgund Road, neighbours said last night that Mrs Yeoh had not been seen for some time. They understood that she and her husband were Chinese.

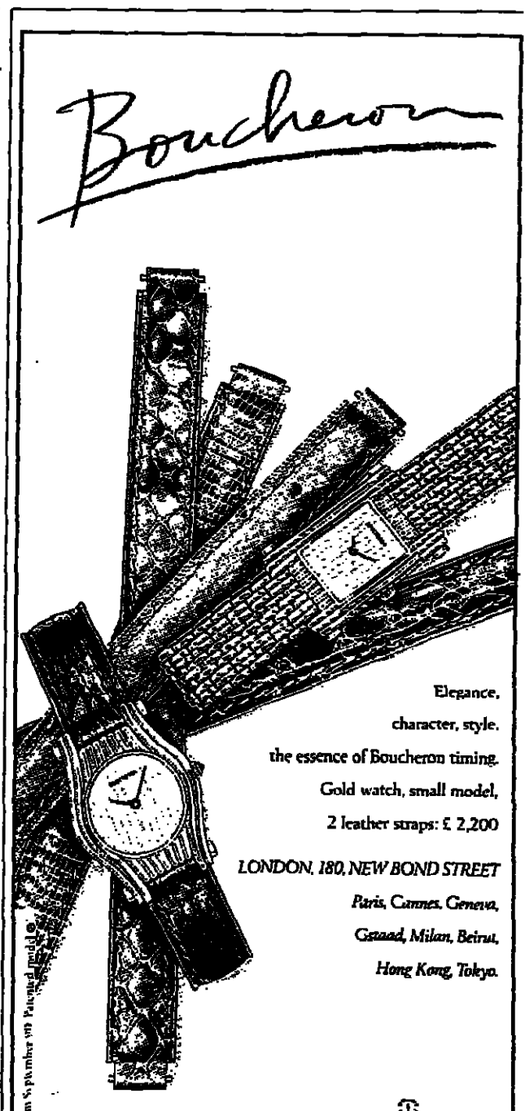
Instances of banks making errors in customers' accounts have not fallen, despite pressure from the banking ombudsman. They account for 9.6 per cent of complaints – though these are not usually from people who have received a little extra. In his last annual report published in December 1990, Laurence Shurman, the ombudsman, said the use of computers to transfer money has greatly increased errors. The two main reasons for mistakes are a salary cheque being wrongly credited or a clerical error by the bank's staff.

However, if customers fail to keep an eye on their accounts and have to repay money that was not their own, plus interest, it is their own fault, according to the British Bankers Association. The Consumer Association said that the legal position is that the banks are acting as agents and the customer is not entitled to money paid into their account in error.

"It is impossible to generalise in these cases. There are no set rules," Mr Shurman said when his report was published. "If my bank put an extra £1 million into my account I would have no excuse if I booked a trip on Concorde and went round the world because I don't have £1 million and I am never likely to receive a cheque that size.

"But I can visualise a person being paid money into his account which does not alter his lifestyle and which he genuinely did not notice. If the bank failed to act within a reasonable time to correct the mistake then a judgement in favour of the client could be necessary."

● **Campaign launch:** Barclays yesterday launched a £100,000 advertising campaign to improve its customer-friendly image after recent criticism of high street banks for not passing on recent interest rate cuts to small business customers.



Labour aims to dispel polling confusion as Walton writ is moved



Mahmood: "Single job lost is one too many"

By RONALD FAUX

THE battle royal between left and right wings of the Labour party in Liverpool began in earnest yesterday when the writ was moved by Labour for the Walton by-election on July 4. With schools disrupted, rubbish piling up in the streets because of an overtime ban by the cleansing department, and Liverpool council seeking to make one thousand of its employees redundant, heightening the antagonism between broad left and moderate Labour councillors, the campaign promises to be a bitter one.

The by-election was caused by the death of Eric Heffer, the left-wing MP who increased his majority last time to 23,253. The Walton Real Labour candidate is Lesley Mahmood, a Liverpool councillor recently expelled from the Labour party for defying the party whip on the poll tax. A Militant supporter, she yesterday attacked the moderate Labour leadership on the council for seeking to add to the city's unemployment misery by 1,000 redundancies in the council workforce. "Unemployment is still the scourge in Liverpool and a single job lost is one too many. Fifty thousand jobs have gone in the last ten years and I am adamantly against these plans for compulsory redundancies that will blight the lives of hundreds of families in Walton. How dare John Major attack Liverpool people for defending their jobs? The price they are paying is in poverty, social problems and boredom," she told a press conference launching her campaign.

The Labour party showed a clear determination to distance itself from the broad left yesterday and avoid any confusion in voters' minds about who was the genuine Labour candidate.

Jack Cunningham, Labour's campaign co-ordinator, set the tone with a denunciation of Mrs Mahmood. Shortly after the writ was moved, he told a Westminster news conference: "There is a dishonest Militant candidate in Walton who is trying to usurp the Labour party's good name and reputation. It is a deplorable con trick which we intend to expose throughout this campaign." The people of Walton, he said, had an honest chance to face the real hope for the future by electing Peter Kilfoyle, the only Labour candidate in Walton.

David Blunkett, shadow local government minister, launched the Labour campaign in Liverpool, adding to the onslaught against the broad left attempt to take the seat. "Those masquerading as the friends of the people behind Lesley Mahmood are engaged in a dangerous and cynical deception," he said. "They promise salvation without the means to deliver it and denigrate those seeking to keep Liverpool afloat pending the election of a Labour government."

The Conservative who is to fight the Labour stronghold is Berkeley Greenwood, aged 26, an economics graduate working for parliamentary consultants in London. The prime minister added his attack on Labour in Liverpool yesterday. During Commons question time John Major cited the city's council as an example of how Labour worked at local level. He quoted Keeva Coombes, the authority's former Labour leader, as saying that Liverpool council's problems were not down to resources. It cost four times more to pick up a piece of litter in Liverpool as it did in other areas. "That is Labour government at work at local level," Mr Major said.

Malcolm Thornton, Conservative MP for Crosby, said the Liverpool council had admitted to lying about figures and spending £1 million more on one contract than was necessary. This was not the work of Militant but of the so-called moderate Labour party.

In an earlier attack on the Liverpool council, Mr Major said: "Whether the Labour council is far left or moderate it has done that great city no favours and neither would a Labour government do this country any favours."

Ministers take hope from lower increase in unemployment

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

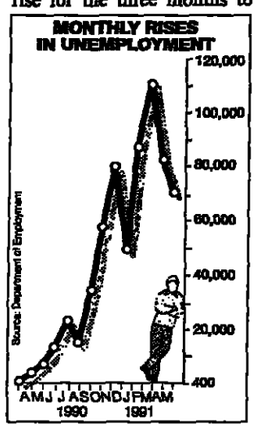
UNEMPLOYMENT rose again last month to almost 2.25 million. The rise was the lowest monthly increase this year, however, allowing the government to suggest that the rate of increase in the numbers out of work may be slowing.

The seasonally adjusted figure, usually regarded as the most accurate guide to the trend in unemployment, rose by 70,600 in May to 2,244,000. It was the 14th consecutive increase since unemployment started to rise again in March last year after a run of 44 monthly falls.

Even so, the increase last month was the highest rise for May since comparable records began in 1971, and more people are now out of work than at any time since June 1988.

The unemployment rate now stands at 7.9 per cent. On a standardised basis, unemployment in Britain is now higher than the European average, and the employment department yesterday confirmed an analysis first carried out by *The Times* in March that unemployment is now rising faster in Britain than anywhere else in the EC.

Unadjusted unemployment, the actual number of people out of work in the UK, rose by 15,329 in May to 2,213,784. The lower increase last month pushed the average rise for the three months to May to 88,100. Since unemployment started to rise it has gone up by 637,600.



Unemployment rose in all regions of the UK last month, although there were some indications in the figures that the rate of increase in unemployment in the southern parts of Britain is slowing. However, unemployment in the South-East still jumped by 25,100, which is more than a third of the total rise for the whole of the UK. In Scotland, unemployment is at its highest since it started rising in October.

As well as the lower increase in unemployment, other figures released by the government yesterday were guardedly taken by ministers as possible signs of a better outlook on unemployment.

For instance, unemployment flows – the number of people moving in and out of employment – looked better. The number of people who joined the unemployment register in May was 334,700, noticeably fewer than the 359,200 in April. The number leaving the register was up from 298,100 in April to 318,100.

Vacancies, however, were again down. The number of vacancies at government-run Jobcentres – about a third of all job vacancies – stood at 110,600, down from 125,100 in April.

● LEC refrigeration of Bognor Regis, West Sussex, the country's leading refrigerator maker, is laying off 180 temporary workers from next Friday because of the recession.

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We have become a gardener: Mrs Thatcher dropping broad hints as she opened the centre in Enfield yesterday

Thatcher the gardener points the way

By ALICE THOMSON

MARGARET Thatcher told 200 gardening enthusiasts and industrialists over lunch yesterday that the gardening industry could offer a solution to unemployment by providing more jobs. As a nation of gardeners, the British should be producing their own plants rather than looking to Europe.

While ostensibly refusing to answer questions on Europe and John Major at the opening of the National Garden Centre at Capel Manor, Enfield, north London, Mrs Thatcher chose the theme of gardening to provide "broad hints" on the direction she would like to see Britain take in the 90s.

One question she used to be asked in her early years as prime minister was, she said, "Where will the new jobs come from?" The gardening industry had become one of the flourishing opportunities for many young people.

She also said she had seen the balance of payments deficit earlier in the week: "If you look at the labels of where the plants are from, we import more than we export from countries whose climates are very similar to ours."

"I am dropping broad hints," she said. Farmers were very good at producing surplus food; they might find a new market in plants, so that they could be a surplus rather than a deficit.

On a guided tour of the centre she refused to answer questions on whether she had become a Trappist nun, but spoke enthusiastically about gardening as she picked her way through the snapdragons. The centre, which is a training school, had already given many young people the chance to learn gardening.

She now had a very small garden but liked to garden whenever she had the time. "Gardens are not made for sitting in the shade; you have to get down on your knees," she said.

Ken Livingstone, MP for Brent North, said: "She would have made a wonderful gardener and I regret that she did not. I don't think they'll be muzzling her on gardening yet."

Woman jailed for Iraq arms deal plot

By RAY CLANCY

JEANINE Speckman, the business executive found guilty with her managing director of trying illegally to export nuclear detonating devices to Iraq, was yesterday jailed for 18 months.

Speckman, aged 41, of Addlestone, Surrey, was a reluctant conspirator, Judge Denison said at the Central Criminal Court, but she had continued to be involved in the plot to export 40 electrical capacitors even when she knew it was illegal.

"You were an active member of this conspiracy, and the consequences of it could have been disastrous not only in the Middle East but perhaps the world," the judge told her.

Ali Ashour Daghir, aged 49, managing director of Euromac, an export sales company based in Thames Ditton, Surrey, was jailed for five years on Wednesday. Speckman, a French national married to an Englishman, worked as Daghir's export director.

Michael Kalisher, QC, for Speckman, told the court that her husband was soon to be made redundant and the couple had used their £20,000 savings to pay for her legal costs.

Student survival

Less than half of students are in debt and almost one in five claims to be saving money in spite of the falling value of grants, according to a survey published yesterday. The survey, carried out for Barclays Bank at five student centres, found that only a third of students had applied to the government's student loans scheme, and 40 per cent were finding it relatively easy to manage on their budget.

Drug expulsion

Another Marlborough College pupil has been expelled after drug squad detectives made a second raid on the public school in a month. An 18-year-old pupil was arrested for allegedly possessing cannabis. He was questioned at Marlborough police station and was released after being cautioned. The raid followed another last month which resulted in three pupils being expelled.

Blue-ear notice

The agriculture ministry last night confirmed that an infectious disease that causes abortions and stillbirths in pigs has spread from continental Europe to Britain. Blue-ear disease has been diagnosed on 11 farms in Humberside and one in Durham. John Gummer, the agriculture minister, said that no pigs would be allowed out of a wide restriction zone unless they were going directly for slaughter.

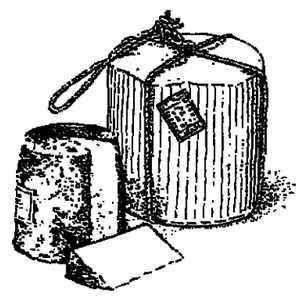
Steeper fines

The cost of a fixed-penalty parking ticket is to go up to a maximum of £40 from April 1 next year, the government announced yesterday. A parking infringement on one of London's red routes will cost £40, elsewhere in London a ticket will be £30 and £20 in the rest of England and Wales. The £40 penalty will push the total charge for having a car towed away from on a red route to £125.

Missing woman

Detectives were yesterday hoping that television viewers would provide new leads in the search for Jo Ramsden, the young woman with Down's Syndrome who went missing in Bridport, Dorset, nine weeks ago. A filmed reconstruction of her last known movements was due to be screened by the BBC's *Crimewatch* last night.

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Local authorities reject Westminster attempt to transfer homeless families

By CHRISTOPHER WARMAN
PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

AN ATTEMPT by Westminster city council to find permanent homes for its many homeless families in parts of the country where there are vacant council premises has met a sharp rebuttal from the local authorities concerned.

The council, with 550 families in temporary accommodation and 750 awaiting a decision before being accepted as homeless, wrote to the 57 local authorities in England outside London heading the environment department list for most empty properties in the hope that they might take on some of them.

About half have replied, all saying "no", and yesterday Calderdale borough council in West Yorkshire gave a damning reply. On the BBC *Today* programme, Bob Metcalfe, council housing chairman, accused Westminster of hypocrisy. The North of England had its own housing crisis and homelessness problem, he said, and added: "We are astonished Westminster are even considering and expecting local authorities to be able to help them in this way."

Mr Metcalfe said that Westminster had been selling its council houses instead of housing people, and that they had made a difficult situation much worse by that policy.

Westminster city council said that Calderdale's only reply so far had been to say that the council would be considering the request. Other council replies had not expressed outrage at the suggestion, but had pointed out that they had housing difficulties of their own, and could not help.

Mrs Judith Warner, Westminster housing chairman, defended the council by saying that the council initiative was a sensible solution to a rapidly growing difficulty in which Westminster homeless numbers were increasing by 15 per cent a year.

As well as the 1,300 homeless or potentially homeless families acknowledged by Westminster, a further 1,800 families are housed temporarily in the borough from elsewhere in London. Mrs Warner said Westminster was a "one-way flow of people".

"We have more of other boroughs' homeless from outer London boroughs and other parts of the country. It seemed sensible to us to write to authorities which have fairly high void rates to ask them whether they were prepared to enter into a partnership with Westminster, and I stress the word partnership," she said.

Westminster proposed making a nomination payment to any authority taking a homeless person, estimated at an average of £400 a year for 15 years. The council did not make the offer to any other London borough, accepting that they had difficulties, and wrote only to authorities they believed had some capacity to help.

The latest London figures show that Westminster has 17 properties empty and available to let, Wandsworth 196, Southwark 451 and Hackney 273. Properties awaiting minor repairs number 73 in Westminster, 250 in Wandsworth, 546 in Southwark and 540 in Hackney. Those show, the council said, that it has little scope for housing its homeless.

Andrew Dismore, the council's Labour group leader, described the scheme as outrageous and accused the Tories of trying to shirk their responsibilities by deporting homeless people out of London: "It would be far better if they stopped their policy of flogging off vacant council homes to the highest bidder."

Shelter, the campaign for the homeless, said that it had warned Westminster for years of the consequence of selling its properties: "The results are clear: Westminster is now clearly unable to house homeless families. Instead of trying to pass the buck to other councils, it should be asking central government to tackle the nationwide housing crisis."

Shelter said 1991 was likely to be the year that the extent of homelessness was recognised after environment department figures showing that 112,676 people were officially accepted as homeless by English local authorities in the first quarter, of the year, a 12 per cent increase on the previous quarter and 5 per cent more than the same period last year.

A record number of homeless families, 50,000, were in bed and breakfast hotels and other kinds of temporary housing at the end of March, 21.5 per cent more than at the same time last year.

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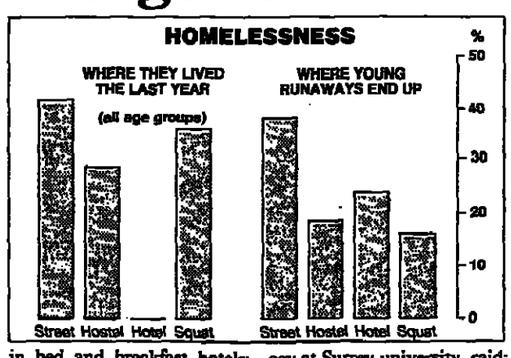
Charity changes bed-for-life policy

By RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE Salvation Army is to launch a multi-million pound homelessness appeal this autumn, after research which showed 75,000 homeless people in London.

The appeal will coincide with the launch of a new strategy in which the Salvation Army, which has the reputation of offering a bed for life to anyone who needs it, will try to help more people into independent accomodation. "This will not mean turning out anyone on to the streets," a spokesman said.

The new strategy, to be developed after talks with government, local authorities and other agencies, follows research findings from Surrey university's psychology department. These show that London has 2,000 people sleeping on its streets; 25,000 in bed and breakfast hotels; 30,000 in squats and 18,000 in hostels and similar accommodation.



Although most Salvation Army centres, which house 750 people, were more than 96 per cent full, many people had been homeless for years and some had slept in one or other dormitory bed every night for more than 30 years. David Canter, professor of psychology at Surrey university, said: "The research showed that many of the facilities that exist, for a whole variety of reasons, are not moving people on."

The surveys found more older people in hostels than anywhere else, but according to the university report summarising the survey, published yesterday, better management of present hostels could help to resettle many of the long-term homeless.

The research included a detailed survey of more than 531 homeless people in London. Nearly half were unemployed, 71 per cent were single and 19 per cent were women. More than half were not on a housing waiting list.

Commissioner John Larsson, Territorial Commander, said: "For many people the building or making available of more premises to house the homeless is an answer, but we do not believe it solves the long-term problem."

Colonel Margaret White, social services secretary, said: "All our centres have got to have a much more vigorous resettlement policy. Some people have stayed for 30 years."

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Court martial of pair found naked in lieutenant's cabin

Gulf warship Wren and airman are fined £750

By Bill Frost

A WREN sub-lieutenant and a Royal Navy helicopter observer were yesterday fined £750 each and severely reprimanded by a court martial after being found naked together on board HMS Brilliant while the warship was on active service in the Gulf War.

Both had pleaded guilty to charges under the Naval Discipline Act at a hearing in Devonport, the frigate's home port. Sub-Lieutenant Jacqueline Ramsay, aged 25, and Lieutenant Mark Davies, a married man aged 29, admitted being naked together "without reasonable excuse".

The court martial was told that the two were discovered kneeling naked on either end of Lieutenant Davies's bunk but that they neither had had, nor intended to have, sexual intercourse.

The relationship was said to have blossomed after an incident on April 10. The pair were reported together in a cabin and were banned by Captain Tobin David Elliott from visiting each other's quarters, from leaving the ship for two months, and from using the bar for three months. The punishment came at the end of the Gulf war and the two were unable to take shore leave after Brilliant docked at a number of ports. They stayed on board with little or no company but their own.

Sub-Lieutenant Ramsay was among the first Wrens to serve on a Royal Navy warship. She sailed on the type 22 Frigate HMS Brilliant, which left Devonport last October against a background of protests from navy wives fearing their husbands might be drawn into temptation. A strict "no touching" rule was imposed on the 230 officers and men. Crew members of both sexes told reporters at the time that they would be "too busy for any flirtation".

Lieutenant Davies, of 829 Naval Air Squadron and Sub-Lieutenant Ramsay, of HMS Ark Royal, admitted wilfully disobeying their captain's command when the couple were found naked together in Davies's cabin.

Lieutenant-Commander Richard Hawke, prosecuting, said Ramsay's cabin-mate reported that Ramsay had not returned to her quarters. He said when senior officers opened Davies's door they saw him kneeling on one end of the bunk and Ramsay on the other. Ramsay said: "Fair enough, you have seen enough. Now please shut the door while I put some clothes on."

Lieutenant-Commander Penny Melville-Brown, for Ramsay, of Ulverton, Cumbria, said the incident took place after the pair had been drinking coffee in a friend's cabin. She said: "Davies went back to his cabin and Ramsay followed. It was less than ten minutes later that the cabin door was thrown open. Sexual intercourse had not taken place. They were not even touching. They had already realised the foolishness of their actions and Sub-Lieutenant Ramsay was about to leave. But their decision was too late. The door was thrown open and they were discovered."

As one of the the first Wrens to serve on board a warship, Ramsay had been under considerable pressure. Her friendship with Davies, had become close while they were confined to ship.

Lieutenant John Parr, for Davies, said: "The facts of the case are hardly earth-shattering, hardly as juicy as we have been led to believe. This was a simple incident which has caused considerable embarrassment out of all proportion to the facts. He is truly sorry for the huge embarrassment this has caused to the service, his wife, and himself."



Ramsay: one of the first Wrens to serve on board a warship, her friendship with Davies was said to have grown while they were confined to ship



Davies arriving for the court martial yesterday

Gala day marred by empty seats

By Craig Seton

EMPTY seats marred an invitation-only royal gala concert in Birmingham on the day the Queen officially opened the city's new £160 million International Convention Centre.

The Princess Royal was present at the evening concert at the 2,200-seat Symphony Hall, part of the convention centre, where the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Simon Rattle, was expected to play to a capacity audience to celebrate the opening earlier on Wednesday of the new conference building.

The performance was shown live on television, and viewers saw scores of empty seats. Among those who received tickets for the concert were delegates to the 97th session of the International Olympic Committee, which the Queen had also formally declared open at the convention centre earlier in the day.

The empty seats at the concert angered the city council, which had issued the tickets, as it marred what was otherwise regarded as a day of triumph for Birmingham in officially launching its new and world-class conference building.

Pat Sever, chairwoman of the city council committee responsible for the convention centre, yesterday expressed her disappointment about the empty seats: "It appears that many of the invited guests who had indicated that they would be attending did not turn up," she said.

'Bodies in car' accused cannot drive, court told

AN ACCOUNTS clerk who is accused of strangling two women and moving their bodies propped up in the passenger seats of a car cannot drive, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Valentino Valiandis, a prosecution witness, said under cross-examination that he had known the accused, Michael Shorey, since the early Eighties and had never seen him drive.

Mr Shorey, aged 34, is accused of killing his former girl friend, Elaine Forsyth, aged 31, at the flat they shared in Holloway, north London, after an argument on July 21 last year. He is also accused of strangling their flatmate, Patricia Morrison, aged 28.

It is alleged that after visiting the home of the former *EastEnders* actress Sandy Ratcliff to establish an alibi, Mr Shorey drove the women's bodies through the early-morning London traffic and abandoned the car in a quiet street. John Nutting, prosecuting, has said that detectives found a provisional driving licence in Mr Shorey's name at the flat. The court has also been told that Mr Shorey denied being able to drive.



Valiandis: witness for the prosecution

Mr Valiandis's wife, Josephine, told the court that she was expecting Mr Shorey to telephone on the day of the killings because he had asked if he and a friend could borrow their van to move his belongings out of Miss Forysth's flat. However, he did not telephone.

Mrs Valiandis said that she next saw Mr Shorey among friends at a wine bar the following Monday. He had his arm around a friend, Cathy Whybourn, and both had their heads down. "He seemed to be in a state of shock," Mrs Valiandis said.

She noticed a scab on his left arm and when Miss Whybourn slapped his leg as a joke he doubled up in pain as if he had a groin injury. Mrs Valiandis and other friends urged Mr Shorey to go to the police to offer his help His reply was: "I can't go, I'll go tomorrow."

Andreas Joannou, a driving instructor, described calling at Mr Shorey's basement flat on the Monday morning after the killings to collect Miss Forsyth for her driving test. Mr Joannou said that he rang the bell for a few minutes then Mr Shorey appeared and told him that neither Miss Forsyth nor Miss Morrison were in. Mr Shorey told him: "They both left last night and I haven't seen them since."

The trial was adjourned until Monday.

Secret trial agreed for torpedo case

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

THE trial of a businessman charged with making more than £190,000 by supplying the Marconi defence company with sub-standard parts for the Sting Ray, the latest Royal Navy torpedo, is to be held in camera because of possible national security risks.

The Crown Prosecution Service yesterday persuaded a judge to reserve his right to hold secret court in the trial of Raymond Bean, aged 51, of Urchfont, Wiltshire.

Mr Bean faces 15 charges alleging that as owner of a company called VMS he obtained £191,725 from Marconi by falsely representing that components supplied to Marconi conformed with and had been screened to military standard. He denies the charges.

He also denies seven charges of using false certificates with a view to Marconi accepting them as genuine. The charges relate to the supply by VMS to Marconi, of an electrical semi-conductor, used in torpedo auto-pilots.

A closed-door application was made to Judge Gerber at Wood Green crown court by Peter Clarke, for the prosecution, who suggested that unless he retained his power of hearing evidence in camera, the trial could come unstuck.

Judge Gerber said: "Once the jury hear that national security might be involved it might prejudice them against the issues, which are deception and dishonesty."

TV sex channel to face decency test

By Melinda Wittstock, Media Correspondent

AFTER Twelve, a proposed all-night satellite sex channel for British viewers, will be prevented from operating or advertising in Britain unless it can convince the Independent Television Commission that its output will not "offend against good taste, decency or public feeling".

The sex channel, which plans to show X-rated films after 10pm as "a TV version of *Playboy*", is in preliminary negotiation to join Astra, the Luxembourg-based satellite company which leases five of its 16 channels to British Sky Broadcasting. The venture has nothing to do with BSkyB.

David Henry, the founder and managing director of After Twelve, said the channel wishes to aim itself primarily at the British market, offering British viewers fare similar to that available in America and on the Continent.

The commission said yesterday that it could not license After Twelve unless it conformed with rules laid out in the 1990 Broadcasting Act and the commission's programme code. Under the regulations, the portrayal of sexual activity or nudity on satellite and terrestrial television must be "defensible in context and presented with tact and discretion".

The commission's rules are far more conservative than the EC regulations which Astra and other satellite companies must follow. British viewers with Astra dishes can already watch adult films on FilmNet, the Scandinavian channel, and RTL-Plus, the Luxembourg-based German language channel which broadcasts *Tutti Frutti*, a "Euro-striptease gameshow". The two channels are not subject to British rules as neither markets its programmes directly to British viewers.

Koen Van Driel, commercial director of Astra's parent company, Société Européenne des Satellites, said yesterday: "We would not want to upset any viewer, directly or indirectly. But there is a problem with definitions: what someone might call harmless erotica another person might call hard porn.

"I don't think we would help to start a truly pornographic channel, although I know from living in Britain for four years that such a service would be very popular," he said.

Mr Van Driel, who confirmed After Twelve had approached Astra but added that a deal is far from being signed, said programmes such as *Tutti Frutti* or the American Playboy Channel were not by any means pornographic.

The ITC, however, was unable to give examples of what sort of adult entertainment would be acceptable: "We are not going to hypothesise."

● A complaint about *Children of the Corn* on Thames Television, in which a man's hand was forced into a food slicer has been upheld by the Broadcasting Standards Council.

V&A marks Elizabethan years

By Alan Hamilton

THE fortieth anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne is to be celebrated next year with a major exhibition of the second Elizabethan life and times at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Rarely seen items from the royal picture collection and other memorabilia are being lent for the display, designed by the Royal College of Art and John Julius Norwich, the author and art historian.

Buckingham Palace is not planning an official celebration of the anniversary, but has given its approval to an independent body, the Royal Anniversary Trust, to organise a programme of events. The trust plans to institute a major environmental award to be competed for by schools and colleges who propose schemes for improving their own local communities.

Robin Gill, chairman of the trust, said that the exhibition at the V & A would show how the Queen had been a figure of order and stability in a changing world during the four decades of her reign, and would offer a more intimate understanding of the monarchy.

On the anniversary of King George VI's death, February 6, and his daughter's accession while on holiday in Kenya, the BBC plans to show a documentary, now being filmed in various parts of the world, on the Queen's working life.

It will be the most revealing insight into the monarch's world since Richard Cawston's celebrated BBC film *Royal Family* was shown in 1969.

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Ministers to oversee care service reform

By TIM MILES

WILLIAM Waldegrave, the health secretary, sought yesterday to underpin the government's community care reforms by taking steps to ensure that health and local authorities prepare for their implementation.

He announced detailed arrangements to monitor the progress that each authority is making towards full implementation of the reforms in April 1993. Regional health authorities and the health department's social services inspectorate will report to ministers every six months from September.

Monitoring will include checks on whether local authorities are moving as the government wishes towards buying more care services from private and voluntary groups rather than continuing to provide them all themselves.

Speaking in London to senior managers from health and social services authorities, Mr Waldegrave emphasised his and the government's commitment to the reforms. He said that although that commitment was not in doubt, members of his audience had to demonstrate theirs. "My expectation of you as managers is that you will not only implement the changes in the systems by 1993, but that you will ensure they deliver the objectives as well."

From April 1993, local authorities will take over the duty of co-ordinating the £5 billion services for elderly people and for mentally and physically handicapped people. At present, the services are split between local authority social services and health authorities.

Millions of pounds in social security payments funds will be transferred to them to fund individual packages of care intended to ensure wherever possible that people are looked after in their own homes. Mr Waldegrave said that the aim, as with the government's health service reforms, was to improve the quality of public services by making them more responsive to individual needs.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Degrees of honour: Mary Robinson, president of the Irish Republic, centre, with Sir Alastair Pilkington on her right, and Sir Alec Guinness, second right, in procession to the Senate House at Cambridge university yesterday, where they were among nine recipients of honorary doctorates

Rifkind unveils route of M6 border extension

By MICHAEL DYNES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE long-awaited preferred route of the proposed 5¼-mile extension of the M6 across the English-Scottish border was announced yesterday by Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary.

The new route, which was originally scheduled for publication 12 months ago, will connect the M6 at junction 44 to the M74 on the Scottish side of the border, and complete the final link of the three-lane motorway between England and Scotland.

Transport officials expect to publish draft orders for the new road shortly, enabling any objectors to register their protests. Sufficient opposition could lead to a public enquiry, although there appears to be strong local support for the project.

After leaving the M6 at junction 44, the line of the proposed motorway runs along the existing A74 before entering Hespin Wood, and passing west of Floristonrigg. The road continues parallel to the A74, running on a shallow embankment through Metal Bridge Wood to minimise tree loss.

It then crosses the river Esk, upstream from the Solway Firth site of special scientific interest, before rejoining the A74 south of Gretna.

The road is expected to cost about £50 million and take two years to complete. Officials hope that work can begin in 1993, although a public enquiry could delay it up to three years.

Unveiling the preferred route, Mr Rifkind said: "This is good news for travellers between England and Scotland, particularly for the ferry traffic to and from the Scottish ports.

Building this link will complete the motorway route from Glasgow to all the English regions."

● Harsh winter weather in February resulted in a 3 per cent drop in the level of traffic for the first quarter of 1991 compared with the previous year, according to provisional estimates published yesterday by the transport department.



Decision on zoo's fate imminent

By MICHAEL HORNSBY

LONDON zoo, which is losing £1.5 million a year, said yesterday that its future would have to be decided within the next month but denied reports that a decision had already been taken to close at the end of September.

David Jones, the zoo's director, said: "D-day is imminent. We have a meeting of the board of Zoo Operations, which runs the zoo, on June 26, followed by a meeting of the governing council on July 9. That is the time frame within which we have got to operate."

The zoo said it hoped the government could be persuaded that a "structured withdrawal" of the zoo from its present site would be preferable to immediate closure, which might mean that some of the 8,000 animals would have to be killed.

"We estimate that we would need £2 million a year from the government over three years," Julie Fitzherbert-Brockholes, the zoo's public affairs officer, said. The environment department said last night: "There will be no more government money for London zoo in its present form in Regent's Park."

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Prince defends his criticism at awards

By JOHN YOUNG

THE Queens Inclosure First and Middle School at Waterlooville, Hampshire, was yesterday declared the winner of the Building of the Year award, sponsored and organised by the Royal Fine Art Commission and *The Sunday Times*.

The award was presented by the Prince of Wales to David Morriss, of Hampshire county council architects' department, at a reception in London at which the prince defended his sometimes controversial interventions in the debate on modern architecture.

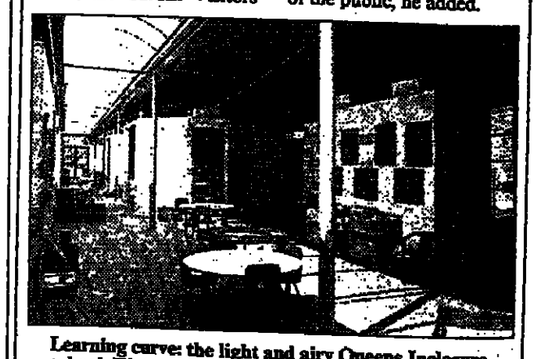
The school, built in glass and steel in an uncompromisingly modern style, stands on the edge of a 95-acre wood and is designed and sited to make the most of its pastoral setting. Its light, open, transparent character has been acclaimed, and its semi-open internal layout allows adaptation for future needs.

Four other buildings were commended: the Sussex stand at Goodwood, with its spectacular "tented" roof, designed by Arup Associates; the Cardiff Visitors' Centre, an oval tube designed as a temporary structure by Alsop Lyall and Stormer for Cardiff Bay development corporation; a striking and colourful small block of six flats on the edge of Waltham Forest (Wickham and Associates); and the Sterling hotel near Terminal 4 at Heathrow, (Manser Associates).

The prince said he was regularly asked why he was always critical and never praising. "The trouble is that, if you actually praise things, which I do fairly frequently, nobody is interested. If you say nice things, it is not very good news.

Criticism tended to cause "a jolly good row and a nice controversy" and generally found its way into newspapers. Being critical helped to encourage discussion about issues he believed profoundly important.

Among the short-listed buildings he singled out the Goodwood stand, and the Waltham Forest flats. But the real test was whether over the course of the years buildings reached the hearts of the public, he added.

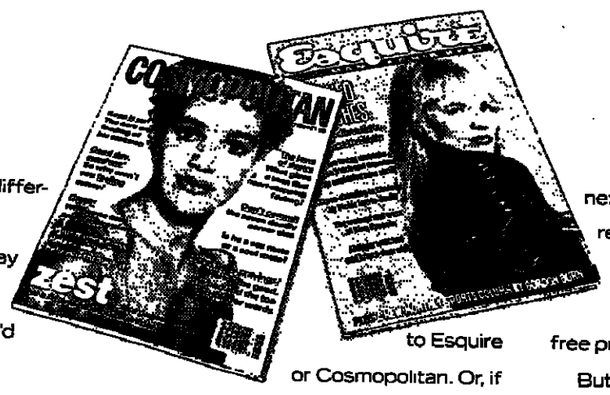


Learning curve: the light and airy Queens Inclosure school, Waterlooville, named as Building of the Year

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New-town staff paid £6m redundancy to work under contract

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

STAFF working on two new-town corporations received more than £6.6 million redundancy even though they continued to do the same work under contract, Parliament's public spending watchdog disclosed yesterday.

An enquiry into privatisation of work in Milton Keynes, Telford, and Warrington and Runcorn development corporations uncovered a dispute about making redundancy payments to 800 staff who formed private business ventures to take over corporation work.

Telford and Warrington and Runcorn corporations both paid redundancy. Milton Keynes saved about £4 million in redundancy costs by deciding that the staff had, in effect, resigned.

The Commons public accounts committee said: "Under the complex provisions of redundancy legislation the corporations and the department took a number of steps to establish whether redundancy payments should be made to ex-corporation staff joining the business ventures, even though they continued to undertake the same work as before."

Both in Telford and in Warrington and Runcorn the corporations believed that without redundancy payments the staff would leave and not join the business ventures, which have won £37 million worth of corporation work. The environment department admitted that the staff who received redundancy payments might not stay with the business ventures.

"We recognise the complexities surrounding the legal entitlement to redundancy payments in different circumstances, but we consider that careful attention should be given before making such payments to staff who are effectively continuing in their former jobs with substantial assurances of continued employment," it added.

The committee also criticised the department for leaving the arrangements for privatising the work to the corporations.

Privatisation of work in new town bodies in England: House of Commons committee of public accounts, 19th report (Stationery Office; £8.90)

Call for disabled rights

Thirteen charities joined forces yesterday to launch a manifesto for the rights of Britain's six million disabled people (Tim Miles writes).

The charities were: Action for Blind People, Deaf Accord, the Disability Alliance, MENCAP, MIND, the Muscular Dystrophy Group, the National Federation of the Blind, The Royal Association of Disability and Rehabilitations, the Greater London Association of Disabled People, the RNIB, the RNID, the Spastics Society and the Spinal Injuries Association.

DENZIL McNEELANCE



Doubles: beside a bust of the Iron Duke stands Martin Wimbush, who plays Wellington in a play of that name at Apsley House during Waterloo Week

Aspirin a day helps foetus to develop

By THOMSON PRENTICE
MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

ASPIRIN, one of the world's oldest and cheapest drugs, continues to reveal new strengths. After having emerged as a life-saver for sufferers of heart attacks and strokes, it now appears able to help some women avoid pregnancy hazards and have healthier babies.

In the biggest study of its kind, researchers have found that the pills, developed in Germany a century ago as a simple pain-reliever, can prevent foetal growth retardation, a leading cause of stillbirth and death in early infancy.

The findings, published today in *The Lancet*, may justify giving aspirin to pregnant women at high risk of the condition, although the researchers say it should be used with great caution.

The study, carried out over five years in 25 French maternity hospitals, involved 323 women who had had a baby with foetal growth retardation in at least one previous pregnancy. Two groups received a low dose daily of aspirin or of a placebo.

The results showed that retardation and stillbirth were only half as common in babies of mothers given aspirin, and that the babies had a significantly higher birthweight than those in the placebo group.

Foetal retardation is linked with a disorder of the placenta and with pre-eclampsia, a serious condition in which some 7 per cent of women develop high blood pressure and protein in the urine during the second half of pregnancy.

Aspirin appears to prevent hormonal changes that damage placental arteries, and to help the placenta and thus the foetus to develop normally. Because it also acts as an anti-coagulant and can cause bleeding, however, its use has been discouraged in pregnancy.

The researchers say that bleeding was not a serious problem in the study, and that headaches were the most common side-effect. There is now an urgent need to find early and reliable markers in women at risk, they say.

A similar study involving about 5,200 women, most of them British, is being conducted internationally into aspirin's potential to prevent pre-eclampsia and other complications in pregnancy.

Earlier this year, British researchers said that more than 200 studies, involving 100,000 patients, showed that aspirin could save thousands of lives as an anti-coagulant in heart attacks and strokes.

Getty gives £250,000 to save pendant

A public appeal to raise £2.5 million to prevent the export of the Middleham Jewel, the gold and sapphire pendant linked to the court of Richard III, has received a pledge of £250,000 from J. Paul Getty Jnr, it was disclosed yesterday.

The National Heritage Memorial Fund last month gave £1 million towards the appeal, which was launched on May 22 by the Yorkshire Museum.

After its discovery in 1985 the jewel was sold at Sotheby's for almost £1.4 million; the government has twice deferred an export licence.

Pindown man to carry on

Mike Poulter, chairman of social services in Staffordshire, has survived calls for his resignation after a critical report that condemned the "pindown" regime used to control children. The county council Labour group heavily defeated a call for his resignation at a Stafford meeting.

An enquiry by Allan Levy, QC, described the practice as intrinsically unethical, unprofessional and unacceptable.

Graffiti ban

Nicholas Kent, aged 18, unemployed, of Marylebone, north London, was banned from all London Tube trains and stations when Marylebone magistrates yesterday gave him bail to stand trial accused of causing £10,000 worth of graffiti damage.

Oxfam sentence

John Barron, aged 43, of Earls Barton, Northamptonshire, was yesterday jailed for 18 months at Northampton crown court after denying theft and deception involving charity monies and effects while he was in charge of Oxfam's Northampton depot.

Wrong hold

Sheila McLean, aged 48, of Blackpool, Lancashire, was fined £20 by the town's magistrates yesterday for allowing her 14-year-old daughter Emma to appear on a professional wrestling bill.

Fire island

Joyriders who took the fire engine from the unmanned fire station at Mersea Island on the Essex coast left only a back-up vehicle to answer emergency calls.

High and dry

Twenty-five canal cruisers have been beached after a leak drained three miles of the Shropshire Union canal.



The 14th-century wall that surrounded the Fleet jail

Fleet prison may have been island

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE Fleet prison, which stood near the site of Holborn Viaduct, north-west of St Paul's Cathedral, might have dated from the age of William the Conqueror and have been built on an island, archaeologists believe.

An analysis of an extensive excavation has disclosed that the prison, the first English stone-built jail, was surrounded by the Fleet river (now beneath Farringdon Street) and dates from the 11th century.

Bill McCann, project co-ordinator for the two-year excavation, which was sponsored for £3 million by Rosehaugh Stanhope Developments and ended last September, said: "Studying the stratigraphy findings in the last few days we suddenly realised that the site of the prison must have been an island, and it becomes a logical place to build a prison, with the added security of being surrounded by water. We also believe it dates from the reign of William the Conqueror."

Later, after the river had silted up and become shallow, a moat was dug around the stronghold. Remains give no evidence of the calibre of prisoners held in the early Fleet, but Mr McCann said that the positioning of the building outside but close to the city walls and its strength, unique for the time, suggest that it was likely to have been designed to hold the Conqueror's political prisoners after the invasion as he struggled to maintain control of his new kingdom.

The discovery has come too late to be included in an exhibition on the excavation, which opens today at the entrance to the old Holborn Viaduct station.

The dig reveals that a Roman water mill had stood on the island before the prison was built and that on the site of the Old Bailey had been a kiln, a temple and an inn at different times of the Roman occupation. Thirty well-preserved barrels from the Middle Ages have been found and new techniques of dendrochronology (tree-ring analysis) may not only reveal the year they were made but the season, while trade marks could tell where the wine came from.

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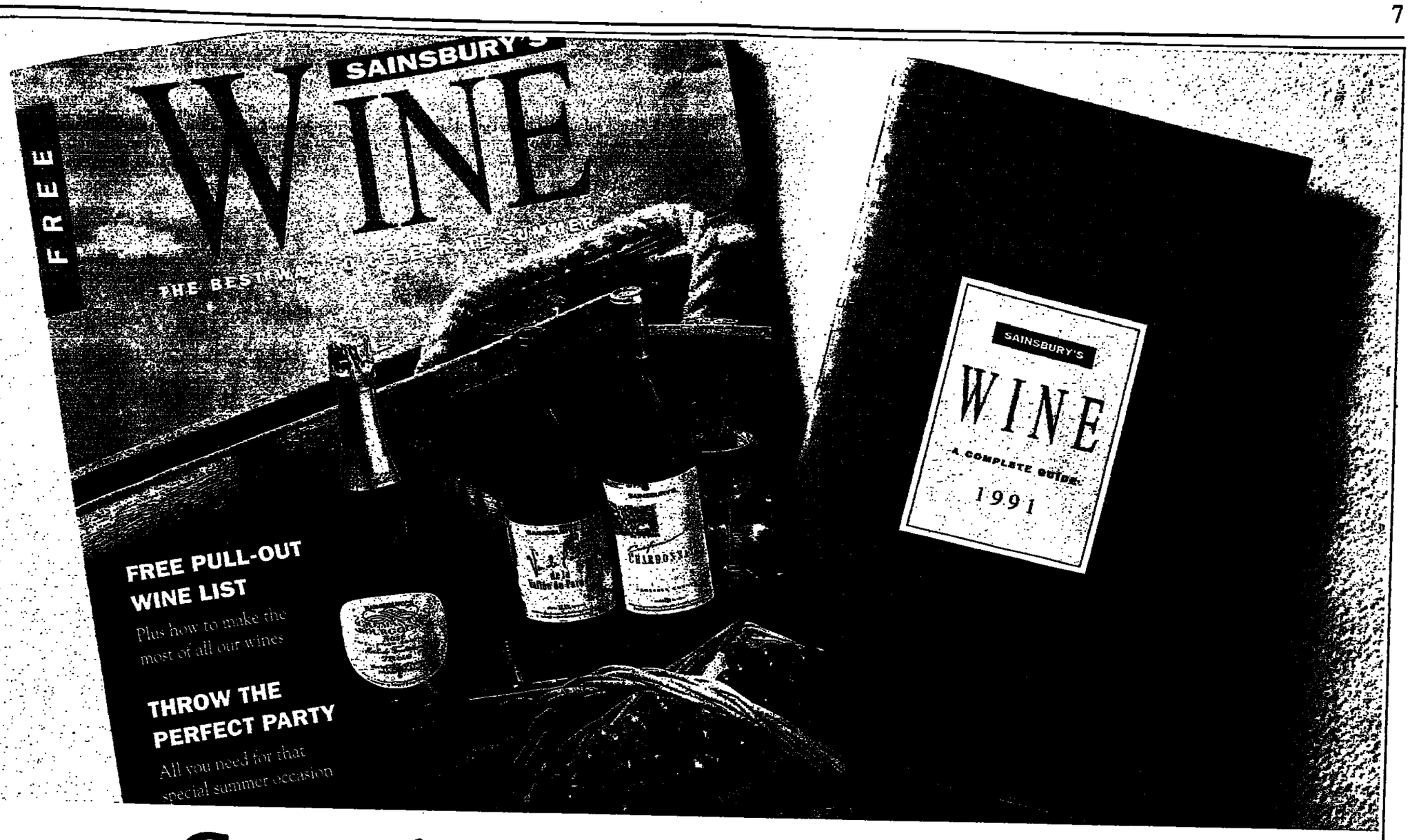
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General asks MPs to fight for regiment's survival

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE Queen's Regiment has begun a campaign among MPs to save it from excessive cuts in the government operation to reduce the army by 40,000. Other regiments facing cuts or disbandment are also joining the battle for survival.

Major-General Michael Reynolds, colonel of the Queen's Regiment, has written to MPs with constituencies in the regimental recruiting area of Surrey, Kent, Sussex and Middlesex to seek their support.

General Reynolds told the MPs it would be unfair if large regiments, such as the Queen's Regiment, with three regular battalions, were singled out for heavier cuts than the small regiments with only one battalion. He accepted that the Queen's Regiment, which dates back to 1572 and holds 46 Victoria Crosses, must take its fair share of cuts but appealed to the MPs to represent their county regiments "with vigour and authority when decision time comes".

The army board has less than a month to resolve which regiments are to be amalgamated or disbanded. The 55 regular infantry battalions, which include five Gurkha battalions, are expected to be reduced to 36. Tom King, the defence secretary, will announce the army's decision next month.

General Reynolds told the MPs: "Personally, I think it is unwise to cut our armed forces at the present uncertain time." He expected strong support for the remaining small regiments that represented one or two counties only. But he told the MPs that large regiments offered "far greater flexibility for deployment, reinforcement (and) career prospects".

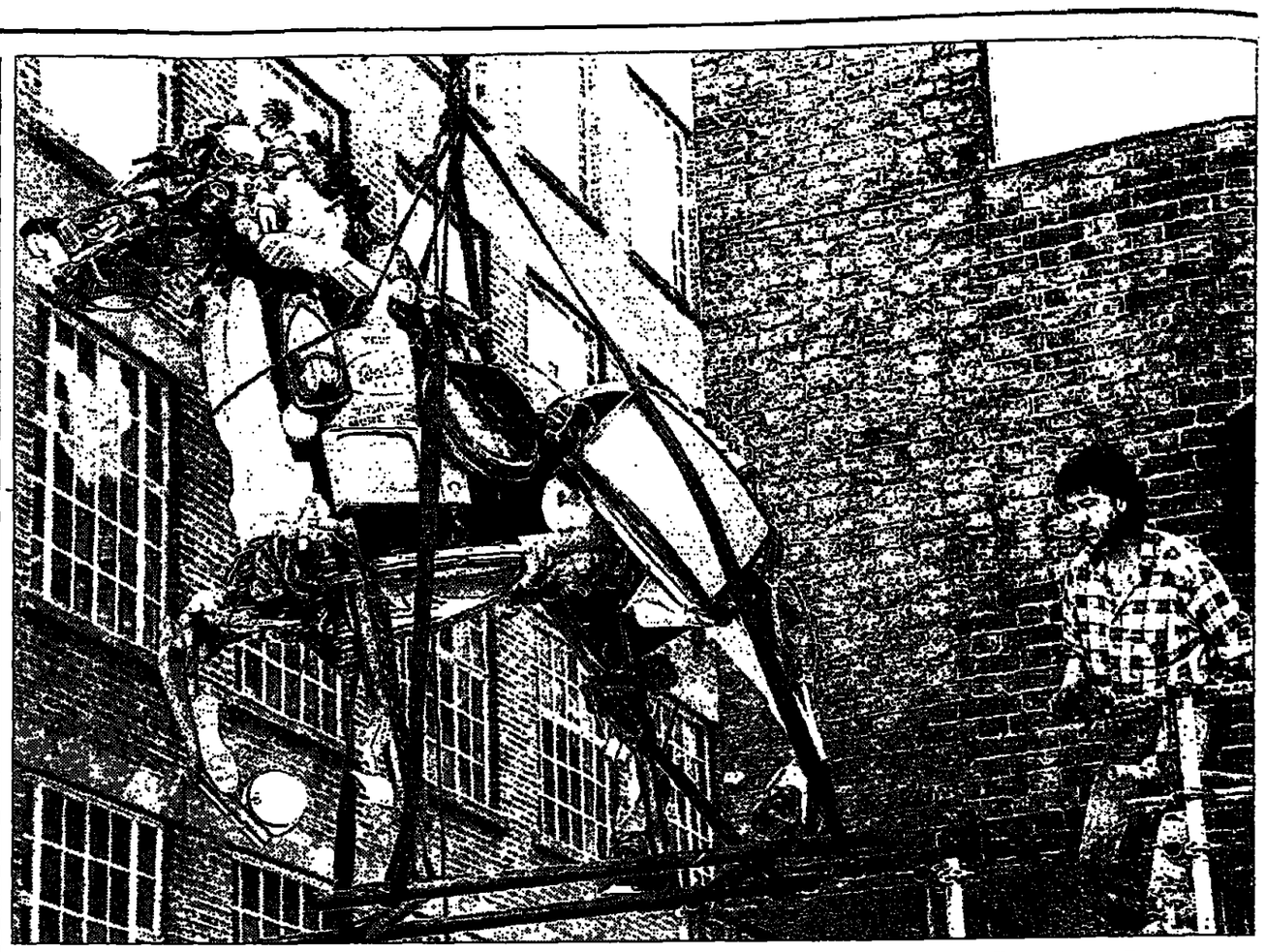
The last time there were amalgamations, he said, all regiments were encouraged to become "large" voluntarily. The Queen's, the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, the Royal Anglians, the Royal Green Jackets and the Light Infantry volunteered.

General Reynolds admitted the loss of one battalion from the Queen's Regiment would be sustainable, but if the regiment were reduced to one battalion, "we do not believe we would remain viable". The Queen's Regiment has three regular battalions, now in Germany, Cyprus and Kent, and three Territorial Army battalions, with their headquarters in Canterbury, Horsham and London.

Joining battle, Brigadier Robert Long, colonel of the Royal Hampshire Regiment, also disclosed that all Hampshire MPs have been "briefed" to fight for the regiment. Writing in the regimental magazine in an article headed *The Clouded Horizon*, Brigadier Long said: "You can rest assured that the case for the continued existence of the regiment has been stated vigorously."

The 1st battalion was below establishment because of the decision by the defence ministry to put a limit on recruiting. "It is a questionable and unfair measure," he said. Soldiers were having to work twice as hard to cover for reduced numbers.

Gordons prepare, page 16



High horse: Anthony Heywood securing one of four horses he has made from scrap above the entrance to Smith's gallery at Covent Garden, London, yesterday. The junk sculptures, *The San Marco Project*, consist of discarded items, from old television sets to children's toys

National park plan attacked

By PETER DAVENPORT

THE proposed designation of 61 villages in the Yorkshire Dales national park as consetvation areas has provoked a protest at the power of planners over local people.

Copies of a petition, described as a "vote of no confidence" in the national park, are on display in shops, post offices and public houses, and organisers claim to have more than 1,000 signatures.

The protesters object to the strict planning policies imposed by the park authority and the fact that the authority's members are not directly elected. They say that conservation area status will impose unnacceptable restrictions on village residents.

At present, the authority has 24 members, two thirds of whom are councillors nominated from the county and district councils, with the rest appointed by the environment secretary. The proposal, aimed at protecting the villages from unsuitable development, has been put forward by a team of consultants.

William Whitehead, landlord of the King's Head in Gunnerside and one of those behind the petition, said yesterday: "It's been a longstanding feeling in the area that an unelected body should not have so much power over the lives of ordinary people. The issue of conservation area status for these villages is the straw that broke the camel's back. They will even be able to tell people what colour they can paint their houses."

The park authority said yesterday that any designation would be carried out in consultation with residents, adding: "People are automatically suspicious of conservation areas because of the restrictions they carry, but there are real benefits, such as the availability of improvement grants."

Cannabis haul among frozen chips

Police have seized cannabis with a street value of more than £4.5 million hidden among frozen chips in a refrigerated store on an industrial estate in Bilsthorpe, Nottinghamshire.

The discovery was made when a pallet was broken as a fork-lift driver moved the frozen chips consignment from Amsterdam, and a case was found to contain cannabis resin and leaves.

Police and customs officials opened all 50 cases and found 1643 lb of cannabis.

Drug sentences

Four members of a drugs gang were sentenced at Birmingham crown court yesterday for conspiracy to supply £3 million of cannabis. George Lipinski and Patrick Notorantonio were jailed for eight years and Carl Wyatt and Francis McGrail for six years.

Siege over

A siege at Pickering, North Yorkshire, ended peacefully after four days yesterday when the man involved walked out of the house and gave himself up to armed police.

Soccer baby

A baby boy hours old was found wrapped in a red and white Liverpool football club bedspread on the doorstep of an old people's home near Sittingbourne, Kent.

Blackmail ruling

Richard Johnson, aged 43, of Northolt, Middlesex, director of a telephone crisis line for incest victims, was cleared at Bristol crown court yesterday of blackmailing a child sex victim's father.

Dinosaur lost

Police are looking for a 10ft pink dinosaur taken from a carnival float at Puriton, near Bridgwater, Somerset.

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Lamont derided as a Chancellor who dreams dreams

By PETER MULLIGAN AND JOHN WINDER

A SUSTAINED assault on government assurances about economic recovery was launched in the Commons last night by Gordon Brown, the shadow trade and industry secretary, during a Labour-inspired debate on business.

In a powerful speech, he accused ministers of having "failed, failed and failed again". They had nothing to offer but their resignations.

Mr Brown dwelt on the consequences of unemployment — "skilled, conscientious, reliable men in their fifties gradually beginning to realise they will never work again" — and ridiculed ministerial predictions. "They told us three years ago there was a miracle and there was not, that there was not a recession and there was. Can we really believe anything that they say about the recovery?"

He compared Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, a man playing with assertions of an upturn being "around the corner", and of signs of "vague stirrings", to one who sees visions. "He is seeing things that he knows others cannot see and living his whole life as if they were there, a textbook case of an otherwise sane man hallucinating the whole economic recovery just as three years ago he had hallucinated a whole economic miracle."

Mr Brown delighted Labour MPs by citing a "confession" by Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, who told an interviewer that inflation had risen "because of mistakes made during the period I was at the Treasury". Mr Brown said: "These are the men who are guilty of creating a recession



Brown: ministers have failed and failed again

they once claimed never existed, guilty of compounding it by further actions and guilty of failing to correct it without rapidly rising unemployment and cutting at the heart of our industrial capacity."

He emphasised government figures which, he said, showed all the elements of further grief in rising imports and balance of payments deficit. He quoted estimates of up to 50,000 business failures this year, and said that interest payments were now a far greater share of company outlay than total investment.

He added that a minimum wage had not affected employment in other countries "and there is no reson to believe it will affect it here."

Mr Lilley said that Mr Brown played the part of Ron Glum of the old radio programme, and could brighten a room merely by leaving it. He was long on gloom and short on policies. "Labour has no strategy on inflation, for recession or for unemployment. They have put their policies out of sight because they are ashamed of them."

Success in dealing with inflation was a precondition for everything else and that was why getting it down was the government's top priority, and it was coming down. They were winning the battle. It was projected to be 4 per cent by the year's end, half the lowest level Labour had ever achieved.

"Pay costs are already slowing down. I have to say that this is best encouraged where top management set an example themselves."

Labour had no policies to get inflation down, but plenty to put them up. They would increase borrowing, as they always did and that would raise inflation.

Whips enjoy their little lynch party

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THOSE who live by the sword can expect to die by the sword. About eighteen months ago, Bill Cash, Conservative MP for Stafford, led a successful right-wing coup against the sitting pro-European leadership of the backbench Tory European affairs committee. Among the victims were Sir Anthony Meyer and Ian Taylor, now pps to William Waldegrave.

On Wednesday evening, the centre-left, in the shape of the 120-strong Lollard grouping, cheered on by the whips, took its revenge. Mr Cash, the committee chairman, had to endure a barrage of criticism from colleagues angered by his "divisive" links with the anti-federalist Bruges Group and suffered the indignity of being urged to resign his post by Tony Marlow, a maverick right-winger who was among the first to turn publicly against Margaret Thatcher. One contented whip said that it had been a long time since he had attended a lynch party.

Mr Cash's protestations that he had disowned the vitriolic memorandum penned by Patrick Robertson, the Bruges Group secretary, cut little ice. Andrew MacKay, MP for East Berkshire, told him that he was indulging in "semantics" by arguing that he was a member of the Friends of Bruges and not the parent body. The Stafford MP was given an object lesson in guilt by association.

Association is all in the turbulent waters of Tory Euro-politics. As John Major tiptoes towards some form of agreement on monetary and political union, at least half a dozen bodies are jostling for his ear. The Euro-sceptic wing is represented mainly by the Bruges Group (which claims 100 MPs as supporters), Friends of Bruges (10 to 20) and by the Conservative European Reform Group (CERG), although other more broadly based organisations such as the 92 Group weigh in occasionally. There is also the backbench committee, which after the 1989 putsch is solidly anti-Brussels under its other officers: Tony Favell, Christopher Gill and James Cran.

The other side of the fault line running through the party is headed by the Conservative Group for Europe (CGE), which claims to have more than 100 MPs and is chaired by John Butterfill, MP for Bournemouth West. Hugh Dykes, a former chairman and vice-president, and David Hunt, the Welsh secretary and a current vice-president, are also members.

The Lollards, the centre-left counterpart to the 92, also reckon to play a part. Under Mrs Thatcher they spent much of their time consigned to outer darkness and they appear to be enjoying their reincarnation as loyalists. Of late, they have taken to muttering to the whips about the disloyalty of right-wing colleagues. They are also plotting a counter-



Marlow: a maverick cheered on by the whips

revolution when the backbench committee elections are held in the autumn.

The battle lines are not, however, so clearly drawn. Mr Marlow, MP for Northampton North, is on the steering group of the CERG, which claims a membership of 72 MPs, dismisses the CGE as "Euro-fanatics" and is led by Teddy Taylor, the personification of anti-market sentiment.

At least part of the explanation lies in the splintering of centre-right opposition to European integration under the pressure of events. Mr Taylor's group is somewhat disingenuously supporting the prime minister, commending the "Euro-waffle without surrender" he is deploying in his attempts to negotiate acceptable treaties.

It has broken publicly with the line adopted by the Bruges Group and Mr Ridley: that Britain should veto a single currency and a central bank. Instead, the CGE says, the treaties should include an opt-out clause for Britain.

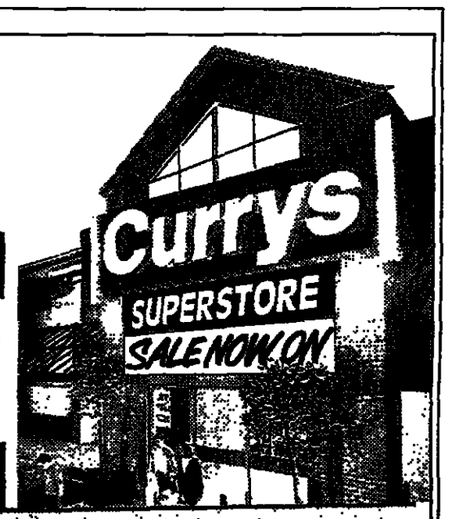
☐ The Thatcherite wing of the Conservative party is planning next week to make a public show of support for Mr Major (Philip Webster writes). He has been invited to a reception to be held at the Commons by Conservative Way Forward, the right-wing group chaired by Cecil Parkinson that was established earlier this year to press for policies building on the achievements of the Thatcher years. Mr Major has indicated that he will attend the reception subject to other engagements.

Persistent but unsubstantiated rumours that Mrs Thatcher is unhappy with the way her successor is carrying on her inheritance have plagued the Conservatives in recent weeks. The group has decided that the time has come to show there is no contradiction between remaining loyal to the policies and principles of Mrs Thatcher and giving full support to Mr Major.

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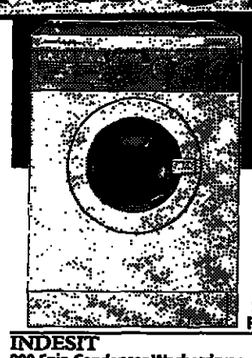
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Ministers will meet on Ulster

By RICHARD FORD POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH and Irish ministers meet today in yet another attempt to resolve the difficulties surrounding the search for a person to chair stage two of Peter Brooke's initiative.

Several names have been put forward for the task of chairing discussions between the government of the republic and Ulster's political parties, but it has so far proved impossible to agree.

Today it is hoped that Mr Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, and Gerry Collins, the republic's foreign affairs minister, will agree a shortlist of candidates for what many at Westminster regard as one of the more unenviable tasks of politics.

With six weeks gone of the ten-week period set aside for the talks, there is added urgency in the search for a chairman agreeable to both governments and the province's four constitutional parties. Mr Brooke told MPs yesterday: "We hope to reach agreement before long on an independent chairman".

Despite his cautious optimism, there is some exasperation within the government at the length of time it has taken Irish officials to respond to a number of suggested names put forward by Britain. Ideally, the government would like the chairman to be from the British Isles. They fear that a candidate from abroad would not have the necessary background knowledge to negotiate the shoals of Irish politics and that a foreigner could result in the further internationalisation of Northern Ireland's troubles.

If no breakthrough is achieved before next Friday, the progress of Mr Brooke's initiative is expected to be a key part of a meeting the prime minister is to hold then with Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister, at 10 Downing Street. It will be the first full meeting between the two men since John Major became prime minister and Mr Haughey will be hoping to develop a warmer friendship that he achieved with Margaret Thatcher.

Cumbria to get extra aid

A package of support measures for Cumbria was announced in a Commons statement by Peter Lilley, trade and industry secretary, to begin countering especially heavy unemployment in the west of the county. He said that 24 hours earlier he had received a consultants' report on the situation in the wake of announced job losses of 5,000 to 6,000 at Vickers, Barrow-in-Furness and 5,000 after the completion of British Nuclear Fuels building projects.

"We are not prepared to let the region fall into decline", he said. The measures include new factories and road improvements.

Antarctic ship row

Reports that HMS Endurance, the Antarctic survey vessel, is to be withdrawn from service have led George Foulkes, an Opposition foreign affairs spokesman, to demand government clarification of the situation.

He said, after tabling a question in the Commons, that it seemed as if decisions about the ship were being made without consultation with the Foreign Office. Reports that the Endurance was to be withdrawn after 35 years' service led to angry exchanges in the Lords late on Wednesday.

Blatch's role

Lady Blatch, the newly promoted minister of state at the environment department, has taken over responsibility for heritage matters, Michael Heseltine, the secretary of state, announced.

Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be:

Monday: Armed forces bill, remaining stages.

Tuesday: Debate on an Opposition motion on the water industry.

Wednesday: Planning and compensation bill, remaining stages.

Thursday: Northern Ireland (emergency provisions) bill, Lords amendments and motion on Northern Ireland Act extension.

Friday: Debate on private member's motion.

The main business in the House of Lords is expected to be:

Monday: Northern Ireland (emergency provisions) bill, third reading.

Tuesday: Disability living allowance and disability working allowance bill, Commons amendments. New roads and street works bill, Commons amendments. Coal mining subsidence bill, committee.

Wednesday: Debate on manufacturing industry.

Thursday: Local government finance and valuation bill, second reading.

Friday: Teachers' pay and conditions bill, second reading. Badgers bill and badgers (further protection) bill, committee stages.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Debate on private member's motion on taxation policy.

Lords (11): Atomic weapons establishment bill, second reading.

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Communism is main loser as Russian electorate backs the radicals

Yeltsin win casts doubt on accord with Gorbachev

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

BORIS Yeltsin's decisive victory in the Russian presidential election prompted two conflicting forecasts yesterday.

One held that his win would spur him to renew his rivalry with President Gorbachev and to drive a harder bargain for Russia's share of Soviet assets. The other predicted that Mr Yeltsin's success would strengthen Mr Gorbachev's hand in dealing with conservative opposition, sustaining his new alliance with his rival and accelerating reform.

That the result could produce such different assessments shows how *little* is really known about the characters and aspirations of Mr Gorbachev and Mr Yeltsin. The first forecast assumes that the Russian leader will stop at nothing to achieve overall power; the second assumes that Mr Gorbachev is a reformer at heart, or at least enough of a democrat to adapt his policies to the popular will.

Mr Yeltsin's stature has undoubtedly been enhanced. He is the first Russian leader to submit himself for popular election and he won handsomely. Mr Gorbachev is not elected, except by a narrow majority in a two-thirds elected assembly, and he may never achieve the popular mandate that Mr Yeltsin has been accorded.

The only other definite conclusion to be drawn is that Mr Yeltsin's personal victory was a defeat for the Soviet establishment. The third place given to Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the only other non-Communist, confirms that most Russians, particularly in the cities, have abandoned communism. Voters wanted neither the old-style party represented by Nikolai Ryzhkov, nor the new-style party of Vadim Bakatin.

The silence of the Soviet leaders during the campaign suggests it expected an easy win for Mr Yeltsin and wanted to avoid the election turning into a vote of confidence for or against the Kremlin. They were largely successful. Whether or not Mr Yeltsin's victory will change anything, either in the overall balance of Soviet power or in the Russian Federation is, however, a different matter.

The turning point in the central balance of power occurred on April 23, when the "nine-plus-one" agreement between the republics and the centre brought Mr Gorbachev and Mr Yeltsin together again. Increasingly, this can be seen as the beginning of a real devolution of power to the republics.

It is within the Russian Federation that there is potential for both the most and the least change in Mr Yeltsin's political fortunes. The president's powers, set out in the republic's newly amended constitution and its law on the presidency, include the right to issue decrees. They do not, however, include the right to dismiss officials for not obeying them, nor can he nominate leaders of parliament or members of the new constitutional court.

The next battle for Mr Yeltsin and his team is for control of the Russian parliament. He has been repeatedly thwarted during the past six months in his attempts to pass radical reformist legislation, and his popular mandate will not necessarily alter that.

Some believe that election to the executive presidency of Russia will prove to be Mr Yeltsin's undoing by exposing him to more critical scrutiny abroad and requiring him at last to deliver some improvement in the Russian economy. No longer, it is said, will he be able to blame others, and his honeymoon will be short. This view is probably incorrect. Mr Yeltsin's many supporters will continue to blame his failings on the plotting of his opponents.

● **Enquiry ordered:** The disciplinary committee of the Soviet Communist party has ordered an investigation into remarks made by Eduard Shevardnadze, the former Soviet foreign minister, during a visit to Vienna this week.

Mr Shevardnadze, still officially a member of the Communist party's central committee in spite of his resignation as foreign minister last December, appealed for the creation of a new democratic party.

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Putting the clock back: a poster spells out the city's changing history, with St Petersburg 1703, Petrograd 1914, Leningrad 1924, 1991? Heated debates erupted in the streets on Wednesday when the voters were asked in a referendum whether the original name bestowed on the city by Peter the Great should be restored

Lenin's city of revolution chooses return to its imperial identity

*What's in a name? **Bruce Clark** reports on the vote by a narrow majority of Leningrad's citizens to go back to the pre-revolutionary title of St Petersburg*

THE people of Russia's second city, known as Leningrad for the past 67 years, have voted narrowly in favour of restoring its pre-revolutionary name of St Petersburg.

The vote, by 55 per cent to 43 per cent, carries no immediate legal force but will create moral pressure for the early implementation of the change of name by the Russian parliament, to which the city council is now expected to appeal.

The city's name could still be the object of bitter political dispute since Communists have argued that only the Congress of People's Deputies, the supreme national legislature, is entitled to endorse the switch. But the renunciation of Lenin's name in the city where he launched the Bolshevik revolution probably marks the most spectacular rejection to date of the symbols of communism by Soviet voters. It also represents an unexpected triumph for the prominent Leningrad citizens who have been campaigning to boost foreign interest in the city, revive its cultural life and restore its status as Russia's cosmopolitan window on the West.

Natasha Nikiforova, political editor of the respected local weekly, *Chas Pik*, said: "We are all delighted but also confused, because none of us anticipated this result. This is an historic day, not just for us but for the world."

But the verdict was met with dismay by Communists in the city and across the country, who have argued passionately that current residents of the municipality, many of whom were born elsewhere, have no moral right to change its name. Communist councillors called the result invalid because the wording on the ballot paper had been too confusing.

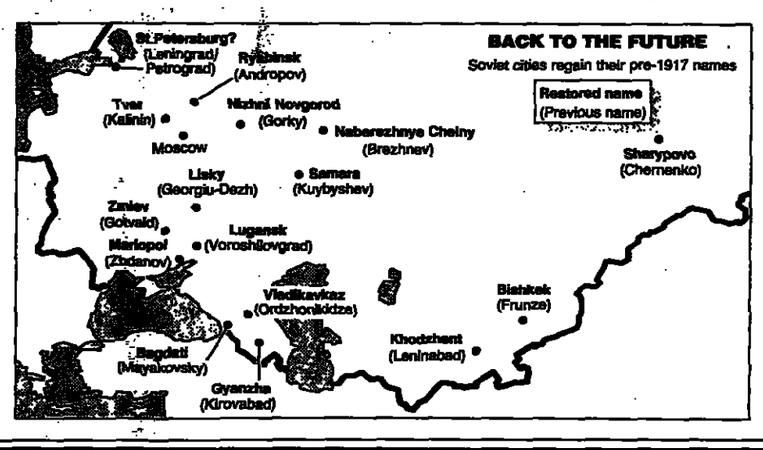
From President Gorbachev down, they have insisted that reversion to St Petersburg would be a gross insult to those who defended it during the 900-day German siege of Leningrad. The results of Wednesday's vote were a double success for Anatoli Sobchak, the city council chief, who was elected as executive mayor with enhanced powers by 65.5 per cent, against 26 per cent for Yuri Sevenard, his Communist rival.

Gary Kasparov, the world chess champion who is also a radical politician in Russia, is reported to have offered $2 million to help pay for the name change, to silence the arguments of those who say it will be an absurd extravagance for a city where poverty is widespread. Mr Sobchak, a professor of jurisprudence, has sought to reassure older residents that returning to the older name does not mean insulting the memory of Lenin, who will still be remembered by statues and monuments all over the city.

However, Nadezhda Naivkot, an effervescent lady who runs the St Petersburg Society in one of the fairytale baroque buildings flanking Smolny cathedral, declared triumphantly that the name of Leningrad would soon be forgotten. "A name should be forever. Rome is called eternal because it has survived all its trials and tribulations, and so it should be with St Petersburg" she said. Her society includes several descendants of an equally exclusive association that flourished in tsarist times. Its re-emergence is typical of the surge in interest in pre-revolutionary traditions.

The name of St Petersburg, or Sankt-Peterburg, was given to the city by Peter the Great, who founded it in 1703. After a change to Petrograd in 1914, it was named Leningrad in 1924.

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Voters in middle Russia reject the old systems

From ROBERT SEELY IN NOVOZYBKOV

IN THE rural areas and towns of middle Russia, Boris Yeltsin is king. In this sleepy town southwest of Moscow, he polled nearly 60 per cent of the vote, with his nearest rival, Nikolai Ryzhkov, well behind with 17 per cent. The other four candidates failed even to reach double figures.

According to the town's deputy mayor, Vladimir Peshchakov, Mr Yeltsin won because of his progressive thinking and the new laws he introduced as leader of Russia's parliament.

Novozybkov is typical of the sort of peaceful backwater in which Mr Ryzhkov or Vadim Bakatin, the new-style communist candidate, badly needed to win votes to stand a chance of preventing Mr Yeltsin winning outright in the first ballot. Little changed by perestroika, the town's walls still carry banners proclaiming the victory of Lenin's ideas and pictures of local "hero workers".

But, surrounded by forest and boasting rare stone buildings and ornate wooden houses, once the homes of the wealthy gentry, Novozybkov epitomises traditions dating back to the Russia of Pushkin rather than Lenin. Voters in the town say many people were alienated by the pre-election pro-Ryzhkov broadcasts of the central media.

Tatyana Zeprozebrovskaya, a retired ballet teacher and an election officer, said: "When everybody tried to attack Yeltsin the ordinary people started trusting him. We generally believe in him and place our trust in him.



Ryzhkov: media support counter-productive

"Yeltsin vividly broke away from the old system and placed himself in opposition. The people saw this and voted for him because we believe that nobody else could haul our country out of the swamps we have sunk into."

Despite some Russians supporting Mr Yeltsin because of specific programmes and reforms, most voters said they had had enough and wanted a change from the old system. Olga Zaitseva, a cook, said: "Yeltsin has energy, discipline and objectivity, unlike all the other candidates. We are hoping for a better future. We used to be a very rich part of Russia. We sold potatoes all over the country."

● **Tokyo:** Mr Yeltsin's victory provides a fresh unsettling factor for the Soviet Union, a senior Japanese finance ministry official said. Every country was likely find it hard to fathom the future Soviet situation, he was quoted as saying by the Jiji Press news agency.

Soviet leader invited to G7

London — President Gorbachev has been formally invited to attend next month's G7 summit of leading industrialised nations in London (Robin Oakley writes). But the Soviet leader will be offered advice rather than cash; government sources made it plain last night that no "pots of gold" were being considered.

Mr Gorbachev, who is anxious to use the opportunity of meeting leaders from Britain, France, Germany, the United States, Canada, Italy and Japan to press for economic aid, will not participate in the summit proper. Instead, he has been asked to come on the morning of July 17 for a working session followed by lunch with the participants.

Ban on traps

Luxembourg — Environment ministers have agreed to ban steel-toothed animal traps from being used in the European Community from 1993. However, the ministers are likely to decide that fur from certain animals caught in such traps in non-member countries will be allowed into the community until 1995.

Open files

Bonn — Victims of the Stasi, the former East German secret police, will be able to study their personal files and discover who informed on them, as a result of a draft law which has been introduced in the Bundestag with backing from the government and opposition. It is expected to take effect in the autumn.

Royal right

Brussels — The Belgian parliament has approved a constitutional change to allow women to accede to the throne for the first time since the country gained its independence in 1830. The constitution will, however, still refer to the monarch as king. Princess Astrid, aged 28, is third in line to the throne. *(Reuter)*

Train murders

Moscow — Four Soviet soldiers and two civilians have been found murdered in a luggage van on the Trans-Siberian express, apparently as a result of a violent brawl, a spokesman for the Interior Ministry's office at Krasnoyarsk said. He could give no other details pending an investigation. *(Reuter)*

Bill opposed

Madrid — Opposition parties and human rights organisations condemned a proposal by the government to give police wide-ranging powers. The bill would eliminate the need for search warrants in drugs cases and allow police to hold citizens as long as necessary, in a measure aimed at tackling terrorism.

Picassos stolen

Zurich — Two uninsured pictures by Picasso, estimated to be worth a combined £24 million, were stolen from a Zurich art gallery. Police said they were looking for three suspects in the gallery on Tuesday. The pictures were a drawing, *The Sitting Woman*, and a gouache painting, *El Cristo de Montmartre*. (AP)

Kremlin missiles still in Germany

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

THE Soviet Union is continuing to keep "a certain number" of nuclear missiles at some of its bases in east Germany, Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, the foreign minister, confirmed here yesterday after talks with Hans-Dietrich Genscher, his German counterpart.

Last week Marshal Dmitri Yazov, the Soviet defence minister, had denied that any such missiles existed when he was challenged by Klaus Töpfer, the German environment minister, during a visit to the Soviet Union. He had also denied German claims that there were chemical weapons at the bases as well. The foreign minister refused to comment on that yesterday.

Mr Bessmertnykh, however, said the nuclear missiles were being withdrawn gradually and that Germany would be notified as soon as this was over. Germany has offered to provide technical assistance to help remove any chemical weapons, but there has been no response to this so far. All Soviet troops are scheduled to leave east Germany by 1994.

Under the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces treaty all medium-range nuclear missiles should have been withdrawn from Germany by now. The weapons still in east Germany are therefore likely to be short-range battlefield weapons. Germany has inherited 24 SS23 missiles from the former east German government. These have no warheads and will be dismantled over the next two years.

During talks over two days, the foreign ministers concentrated on preparations for next week's Berlin meeting of the 34-member Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe. Both leaders said yesterday that they had agreed on the need to strengthen it.

Mr Bessmertnykh said he looked forward to seeing new security structures for one Europe, stretching from the Atlantic to the Urals. He did, however, accept that existing structures, including Nato, "have a right to exist for a transitional period".

There was also considerable discussion about the level of economic aid that Moscow is seeking from the West, but both ministers refrained from revealing details. Asked what might be on offer when President Gorbachev attends the summit of seven leading industrialised nations next month in London, Herr Genscher said he was not authorised to speak on behalf of the six other countries. Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, is scheduled to visit Moscow before the London summit to discuss Mr Gorbachev's economic problems.

Before yesterday's session with Mr Bessmertnykh, Herr Genscher met the former Soviet foreign minister, his "old friend" Eduard Shevardnadze, who resigned at the end of last year and has since written a book called *The Future Belongs to Freedom*, which he launched at a news conference here yesterday.

Reformer leads Albanian party

From LIAM McDOWALL IN TIRANA

FATOS Nano, the former prime minister of Albania, was elected leader yesterday of the newly named Socialist Party of Albania (previously the Party of Labour of Albania) which had ruled the country uninterrupted since the end of second world war until being brought down by a national strike last week.

In his speech of acceptance, which closed the faction-ridden congress, Mr Nano, a recognised reformer, announced that "the epochs of dictatorship and political excesses ... were closed forever". His ambition, he said, was to "unite the party and to ensure it remains one of the major political forces in the country". Until elections in May next year Albania is to be ruled by leading radical reformers associated with the Democratic party and more cautious reformers, headed by the prime minister, Ylli Bufi, a close associate of Mr Nano.

The extent of difficulties facing the new government, the inheritance of a Stalinist system which virtually cut the country off from the outside world, and six months of unrest which brought the country to the brink of civil war was described by Mr Bufi yesterday as catastrophic.

● **Rome** — Gianni De Michelis, the Italian foreign minister, flew to Albania yesterday to urge the new government to stop the exodus of citizens to Italy and to offer economic aid in exchange for an agreement. Almost 750 refugees are in the Italian ports of Trieste, Ravenna, Ancona and Brindisi, confined on ships which had ferried them up from makeshift ports in the Adriatic.

Spain takes inflexible line over Gibraltar

From DOMINIC SEARLE IN GIBRALTAR

SPAIN'S determination to seek the return of Gibraltar seems undiminished. In an interview with the *Gibraltar Chronicle* published yesterday, Francisco Fernández Ordóñez, the Spanish foreign minister, accused Britain of "occupying" the isthmus on which the Rock's airport is built.

He went on to deny recent reports that Spain had put forward proposals for permanent joint sovereignty. His position blocks efforts by Joseph Bossano, Gibraltar's chief minister, to find alternative forums to the 1984 Brussels agreement for pursuing local co-operation.

Gibraltar refuses to participate in talks under that agreement because the question of sovereignty can be raised, even though Britain insists that it would never hand over the territory against the wishes of Gibraltarians, a commitment enshrined in the colony's 1969 constitution.

Instead, Mr Bossano suggests that Gibraltar's future lies within a federal Europe, where its sovereignty would be surrendered to Brussels.



Cresson: trying to defuse racial tension

Sports offer for deprived

Paris — Edith Cresson's government, anxious to contain clashes between French police and deprived youths, plans to build 1,000 sports grounds in poorer suburbs over a period of 18 months. Half will be completed this year, some of them before high summer when authorities fear an explosion of violence involving young people unable to go on holiday.

A Moroccan youth has been charged with murdering the policewoman who was run down by a stolen car last weekend. Two others were charged with stealing cars and attacking police. *(Reuter)*

MPs cave in on Warsaw poll law

From ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

THE prospect of Poland holding its first fully free elections in the autumn receded yesterday after the parliament accepted President Walesa's veto of its law setting out voting methods. The delay enhances the power of the president, who is acting more and more independently of parliament.

By a vote of 257 to 126, the lower house of the Polish parliament (the Sejm) decided to accept Mr Walesa's criticism of the law. The bill now has to be drafted again and although presidential aides say the work can be completed in time for an October election, many parliamentarians are sceptical.

The main effect of yesterday's vote is to increase the room for political intervention by President Walesa. As long as a general election is put off he can expand his already considerable power base.

The Sejm still has a large block of ex-communist deputies with seats guaranteed under a now-defunct round-table agreement between the then-communist authorities and the Solidarity opposition. The logical move is to dissolve parliament, but there can be no election until parliament passes an election law defining the exact mix of voting methods. By using his presidential veto on the admittedly unsatisfactory election law drafted and approved by parliament, Mr Walesa has prolonged the life of the Sejm.

A lame-duck parliament actually fits well into Mr Walesa's scheme of things. He has already proposed that the government be given special emergency powers to impose outstanding economic legislation. Some 27 economic reform laws are held up in parliament where there is a big log-jam of new legislation. Now the government, which is Mr Walesa's creation, and the president himself can bypass parliament and settle disputes without having to go through institutional channels. President Walesa told Solidarity union leaders on Wednesday that he was ready to use force or rule by decree to prevent anarchy in Poland.

Jacek Kuron, a former labour minister, told parliament yesterday that his centre-left grouping within Solidarity would do everything to meet the October deadline. One legislative possibility is that the parliament suspend the one-month cooling-off period after a piece of legislation is passed.

White House takes protective wrapper off Kuwaiti regime



Hollings: what were the pluses from the victory?

*After reports from Kuwait of torture, press censorship, expulsions and questionable trials, Americans get an admission from their government, **Martin Fletcher** writes*

IT HAS taken four months, but the Bush administration has finally acknowledged that Kuwait's ruling al-Sabah family, restored to power by half a million allied soldiers, was not "the optimum type of regime" as James Baker, the Secretary of State, put it this week. The weasel words would have done credit to a Whitehall mandarin, but it was nevertheless an admission, and a long-overdue break with the "see no evil, hear no evil" attitude to which the administration has clung since the Gulf war's end.

Reports of the Kuwaiti rulers' shortcomings have been legion, starting with the emir's refusal to return to his shattered country until his palace was restored. Although American officials privately expressed their irritation, none did so publicly.

The regime's efforts to rebuild Kuwait, which included a protracted state of emergency, have been chaotic. Palestinians in Kuwait were widely reported to have been tortured and killed, and trials of alleged Iraqi collaborators fell far short of Western judicial standards.

Human Rights Watch this week reported the discovery of mass graves for those butchered since liberation. On Tuesday the Kuwaiti government expelled four busloads of Palestinians, Sudanese, Yemenis and Iraqis into Iraqi territory, a possible breach of the Geneva Conventions. The same day Red Adair, the Texas firefighter, went before a congressional committee and ridiculed what he called Kuwait's "Mickey Mouse approach" to extinguishing 450 still-blazing oil wells.

"What did we win?" Ernest Hollings, a Democratic senator, asked Mr Baker during a congressional hearing on Wednesday. "We've still got Saddam; we've had to adopt the Kurds; we have strengthened Iraq. Down in Kuwait, the emir waited until they established room service before he returned with his 41 wives and promptly closed down the press. And the torture and rape of Saddam continues under the emir."

The administration has been embarrassed by some of the Kuwaiti actions, but openly to denounce them would, among other things, risk tarnishing a great military victory. The administration's public reaction has hence been muted at best, usually consisting of claims that reports could not be substantiated or were still being investigated by the American embassy. In the case of this week's expulsions, the State Department said it had asked the International Committee of the Red Cross to investigate.

Some Democrats are beginning to press for much greater pressure on Kuwait. Joseph Biden, a Democratic member of the Senate foreign relations committee, is proposing that American arms sales to Middle East states should be barred unless the administration can certify that they have made substantial progress towards democracy and respect for human rights.

"I think our willingness to shed American blood in the Persian Gulf for these oil-rich monarchies permits us to expect progress toward democracy and economic development," he told *The Washington Post*. "To those who say this might offend those Gulf monarchies, I say that promoting democracy should not be an offence to anyone. It seems like the least we can expect."

In April Mr Bush sent the Emir of Kuwait a letter gently encouraging greater democracy, and the emir has since responded with a promise of elections. But the administration has resisted Democratic pressure for more strident intervention, arguing that this would be far less productive than private coaxing and that the war in any case was about restoring Kuwait's autonomy. Demanding democracy would also upset Saudi Arabia and other friendly Middle East monarchies, but that is generally left unsaid.

Even Mr Baker ended up defending the Kuwaiti royal family this week. It was not the "optimum type of regime; it doesn't follow our standards and it's not a fully fledged democracy", he admitted, but "they're going to hold elections and they're talking about giving women the vote". If you had suggested a year ago that that might happen "people would have thought you're crazy". In liberating Kuwait, Mr Baker added, almost as an afterthought, "we protected our vital interests in the Gulf".

● **Cairo:** Sheikh Mohammad al-Khalifa al-Ezabi al-Sabah, a member of Kuwait's ruling family, choked to death on a piece of barbequed lamb while celebrating his 44th birthday, the Egyptian press reported yesterday. *(AFP)*

America tells UN of Iraq's hidden nuclear facilities

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United States has approached the United Nations with information from a defector about hidden nuclear weapons research facilities in Iraq, said to include a laboratory buried in a mountainside near the Turkish border.

United Nations sources said the discussions took place recently but there had not yet been a formal American request for it to investigate. The UN special commission responsible for supervising the destruction of Iraq's non-conventional arms and nuclear weapons capability would respond positively to any such request, the sources said.

American intelligence officials were quoted by the ABC television network as saying that they had advised President Bush to send a US team to the area if the United Nations does nothing. The information about secret Iraqi nuclear research facilities came from an Iraqi scientist who defected to American forces in northern Iraq last month.

According to US reports, the scientist had told American intelligence that Iraq's secret nuclear weapons programme remained intact and that Baghdad was continuing its effort to build a nuclear bomb. The defector claimed that President Saddam Hussein planned to finish the bomb this year.

The scientist maintains that four nuclear installations in northern Iraq were not declared to the United Nations, as required by Security Council Resolution 687 dictating ceasefire terms to Iraq. None of the installations was targeted by allied bombing during the Gulf war. One of the facilities is said to be in a mountainside near Mosul, about 40 miles from the Turkish border.

A team from the International Atomic Energy Agency charged with removing Iraq's weapons-usable nuclear material, visited Iraq last month and declared itself satisfied with Iraqi co-operation. But the team visited only the Tuwaitha facility near Baghdad, where Iraq's two known nuclear reactors were destroyed by allied bombing.

America is expected to press for a United Nations team to return to check the suspected nuclear sites. The contacts between the UN special commission and the United States took place through Robert Gallucci, the American representative on the commission and its deputy chairman.

At the weekend, United Nations officials who visited southern Iraq found unusual military activity but no evidence of an imminent offensive against Shia refugees hiding in marshes there. The UN team visited the marshland around Basra in search of sites for humanitarian centres to help refugees in the area.

Western diplomats said that in the first independent report from the area, the group said it came across unusual military activity about 60 miles northwest of Basra. But the activity was described as "minor".

The UN team also estimated a considerably lower number of Shia Muslims had taken refuge in the area than previously believed. The group said about 10,000 Shia Muslims were hiding in the marshes and about 30,000 in an area just to the north. Previous reports had put the number as high as 700,000. The Shia Muslims took refuge after their failed uprising against Saddam immediately after the end of the Gulf war.

● **Peking:** China, a leading seller of conventional arms, said yesterday that it supported keeping nuclear weapons out of the Middle East and criticised America for giving jets to Israel and stockpiling weapons there.

Duan Jin, a foreign ministry spokesman, said: "China always stands for a complete prohibition and a thorough destruction of such weapons of mass destruction as nuclear weapons, chemical weapons and biological weapons, and supports efforts to turn the Middle East into a nuclear weapons-free zone." Mr Duan was answering a question at a press briefing on what China's position would be when the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council meet in Paris next month to discuss guidelines for restraining sales of conventional arms, weapons of mass destruction and related technology.

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Hurd consults Iran on Shias

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign secretary, telephoned his Iranian opposite number on Wednesday to ask him about events in southern Iraq, the Foreign Office said yesterday. Mr Hurd had a 15-minute discussion with Ali Akbar Velayati about reported threats against Shia Muslims.

The Iranian minister, in a rare direct conversation with a Western counterpart, said that between 500,000 and a million refugees were surrounded by the Iraqi army and under threat of attack. Mr Velayati added that the Shias were short of food, water and medicine, and called on the West to refer their plight to the United Nations Security Council and for observers to be sent to the area.

British officials said they still had no evidence of any impending attack by the Iraqis, but Mr Hurd had assured the Iranians that Britain would continue to monitor the situation. Daawa, the Iraqi opposition party, said yesterday that military operations against the Shias had been suspended in response to international pressure.

The Iranians have increased their efforts to mobilise international efforts for the Shias. President Rafsanjani said on Wednesday that Iran could not be indifferent to any Iraqi offensive. He also telephoned Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, to express concern.

But Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, the UN special envoy, said there were no unusual military movements, and figures of up to 700,000 refugees seeking safety in the marshes were greatly exaggerated.

A London-based Arabic newspaper has published the transcript of a talk President Saddam Hussein gave to his generals on the eve of the Gulf war in which he said he was guided by God. He added that he believed, in spite of American air superiority, that the Iraqi army could beat the allied forces.

He told them during a secret visit to occupied Kuwait on January 15: "All you need is that your weapons and soldiers stay under the ground and this advantage will be over." Talking about his invasion of Kuwait, he added: "The decision was that of God Almighty. God wanted to restore right to its owners." The remarks were taped and smuggled to London by Kurdish sources, where they were published by *Al-Hayat*, a Saudi-owned newspaper circulating widely in the Arab world.



Poll punishment: a policemen at Nalanda, in the northern state of Bihar, beating a fraudulent voter during the second phase of India's general election. At least eight people have been killed in ballot violence in Bihar

Gunmen wound Indian TV chief

From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

GUNMEN shot and wounded Shiv Sharma, the director-general of state-run Indian television, yesterday. Police blamed Sikh extremists who are waging a campaign against the government's decision to order elections in the predominantly Sikh state of Punjab.

Eleven candidates for the Punjab state assembly elections have been killed in recent weeks, and campaigning for simultaneous national polls on June 22 has been seriously hampered by threats. Chandra Shekhar, the outgoing prime minister, described yesterday's attack as an act of madness which created "a psychology of uncertainty for the country". He said the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi last month could be part of a "grand design" to destabilise India. The hand of foreign forces could not be ruled out.

The director-general was being driven to work in Delhi when four men in a white van carried out the attack. His driver was shot dead and two bodyguards wounded. Mr Sharma received two bullet wounds in his shoulder. The attackers were chased by a police motorcyclist but got away. The government tightened security at all television and radio installations.

There was more violence in the northern state of Bihar yesterday but few reports of election-related trouble elsewhere.

● **Madras:** Officials investigating the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi said yesterday they were now certain that Sri Lankan Tamil rebels were responsible for his death after the arrest of a woman and her son, charged on Wednesday with sheltering the woman suicide bomber who allegedly killed Gandhi. *(Reuter)*

TOKYO NOTEBOOK by Joanna Pitman

Japanese go overboard for slimline Cresson

Edith Cresson, the new French prime minister, who has routinely assailed the Japanese for their "hermetically sealed markets", might be surprised to find that she has managed to penetrate one corner of the Japanese leisure market. A brand of skimpy swimwear bearing the Cresson name is selling fast in Tokyo boutiques.

This is something of a pyrrhic victory for the combative Mme Cresson. For a start, the swimwear is made by a Gallic-sounding Japanese company called Descente, rather than a Japanese-sounding French one. To ruffle her elegant feathers further and tempt her to repeat her famous statement that Japan is an enemy of the French people, Mutsuo Sakaguchi, of Descente, says that the name was chosen "because watercress — the English translation of 'cresson' in Japanese — is always served in Japanese restaurants to dress up a beefsteak. So we thought Cresson bikinis would be appropriate to decorate the human flesh. It should make ladies look more delicious."

That said, Cresson swimwear sells astonishingly well and advertising of the Cresson name might develop further, now that one Osaka-based lingerie firm has begun to send models to inch their way up and down crowded subway trains every morning, to great effect.

Descente is predicting sales of 2.6 billion yen (about £10 million) this year, and the firm is overjoyed that it chose the name three years ago. Mr Sakaguchi believes that the French prime minister's reputation as the nemesis of every Japanese businessman will not curb sales. Mme Cresson, meanwhile, continues to plague Japanese politicians and bureaucrats with her diatribes against what she claims are unfair Japanese business practices.

Several pages in *Aera*, the popular weekly magazine, were devoted this week to Japan-bashing, and included a cartoon of her as William Tell, aiming arrows at a rising sun



balanced above the sweating face of Toshiki Kaifu, the Japanese prime minister.

Impecunious communist leaders, approached by the Japanese media with requests for an interview, would be advised to check the going rate per minute before holding forth on their version of glasnost.

Even officials from far-flung outposts of the Soviet Union are tackling their early encounters with capitalism with admirable entrepreneurial skills. Middle-ranking civil servants in the Far East city of Khabarovsk now demand 30,000 yen (about £120) for every minute of discussion with a journalist, according to the editor of the Japanese weekly magazine, *Shukan Post*. The journalists have only themselves to blame. A reputation for rushing in with open chequebooks before sharpening their pencils has clearly reached far into the communist bloc.

Foreigners may be astonished at the large sums of money sitting around in Japanese media organs, but then money sloshes around everywhere in Tokyo. A Japanese food company has persuaded millions to start drinking the stuff in the form of its new soft drink, named Moue.

When it comes to naming Japanese soft drinks, anything goes, and the more unsavoury the name, it would seem, the better the sales. Among the less tempting beverages on offer this summer are Green Banana Fizz, Pocari Sweat, Calpis and Asacan, and Mucous was curiously popular last year.

Pick-me-up tonic drinks have created a market worth almost £300 million a year in Japan. If disgusting names fail to arrest the attention of the consumers, marketing teams could do worse than adopt the strategy of Suntory Whisky. This firm has recently completed an advertising campaign that relied on subway poster advertisements talking to weary commuters on their way home.

"Welcome home!" declared a voice every few seconds from a poster picture of a bottle of Suntory Old. "How about a tipple?" it went on. Those harried workers who had not already endulged to capacity, apparently found the talking bottle hard to resist.



Breathing exercise: Teenage students in Angeles City in the Philippines trying not to breathe in ash and smoke belched out by Mount Pinatubo, which for the second consecutive day yesterday sent a mushroom cloud of noxious gases and solid debris, including heavy rocks, 15 miles into the air. The ash cloud is drifting west towards the South China Sea. Heavy rainfall, causing fast muddy flows to course down the mountain's slopes, constitutes another "life-threatening hazard", according to vulcanology chief, Reynaldo Punongbayan. Further eruptions have been forecast.

New peace mission denied by Baker

Washington — James Baker, the American Secretary of State, met David Levy, his Israeli counterpart, yesterday and denied reports that President Bush was considering inviting Middle East foreign ministers to a special meeting. Mr Levy was in Washington to explain his government's rejection last week of US proposals to convene an Arab-Israeli peace conference.

Before their meeting Mr Baker denied Israeli media reports that he planned another trip to the Middle East in search of peace or that Mr Bush intended asking foreign ministers of Israel, Syria, Jordan, Egypt and Lebanon to his retreat at Camp David.

"The minister and I will be talking about our mutual efforts to develop a process for peace and we intend to continue those efforts," Mr Baker said. Mr Levy said it was unthinkable that the peace initiative should fail after all the effort that had been invested in it. *(Reuter)*

Licence threat

Hong Kong — Service companies could have their operating licences withdrawn when China takes over Hong Kong in 1997, Guo Fengmin, a Chinese negotiator on the colony's future, said. His statement was seen as a threat particularly to broadcasters and telephone and bus companies.

Husain home

Amman — King Husain of Jordan, aged 57, left hospital after being treated for an irregular heart beat. "As you can see his majesty is in perfect shape and spirit," a palace official said outside the hospital. He was accompanied by Queen Noor, who has stayed in hospital with him since Monday night. *(Reuter)*

Pipeline plea

Ankara — Iraq and Turkey could soon restore bilateral relations, Tariq Aziz, the deputy prime minister of Iraq, said after a 24-hour visit here to ask for the reopening of an oil pipeline that had provided half of Baghdad's hard currency before the invasion of Kuwait. *(AFP)*

Rwanda fighting

Nairobi — Rebels of the Rwandan Patriotic Front have bombarded government garrisons in the northern Ruhengeri region near Uganda, the official Rwanda radio has reported. There have also been reports from the Ugandan capital that fighting has resumed after the collapse of a ceasefire signed on March 29.

Tamils killed

Colombo — Government troops have shot, hacked and beaten to death 166 Tamil adults and children in eastern Sri Lanka after three soldiers died in a landmine explosion for which Tamil rebels were blamed, residents said. *(AP)*

Fatal attraction

Hanoi — About 300 people have been murdered or have died in rockfalls in collapsing mine tunnels in a frenzied search for rubies in central Vietnam, according to the official newspaper, *Lao Dong*. Tens of thousands of people flocked to the area after a ruby was discovered there last year. *(Reuter)*

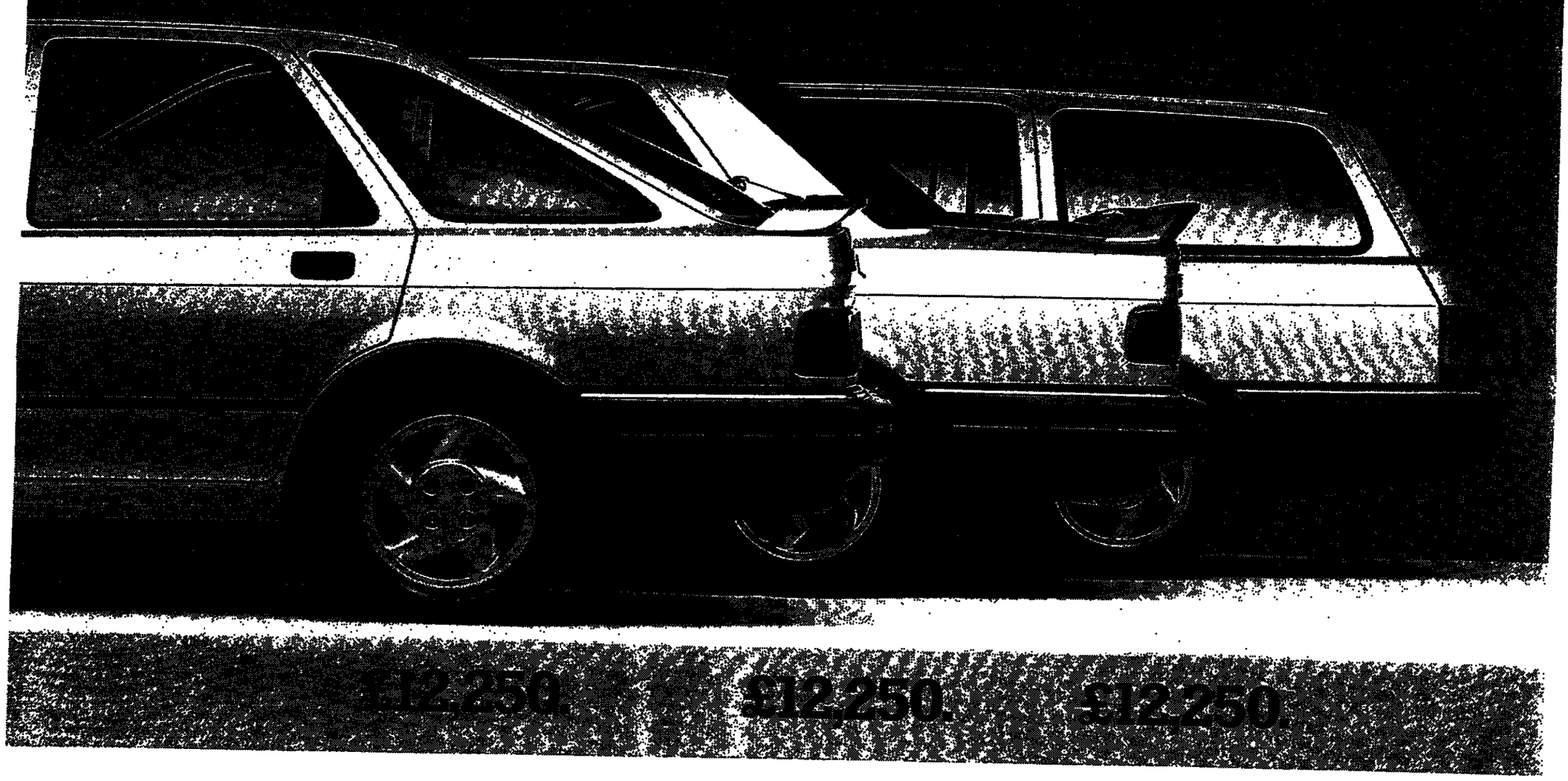
Unions' plight

Geneva — Seventy-two countries violate trade union rights, and during the past 15 months 247 union militants have been killed, the International Confederation of Free Trades Unions said here. More than half of the deaths occurred in Colombia, the organisation said. *(AFP)*

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Kate Muir talks to Derek Hatton about politics, business, Liverpool, and the portrayal of the flash council leader in a new television drama series

Degsy and the facts about the fiction

DENZIL MCNEELANCE



Image of a new man on the move: these days Derek Hatton does "a bit of PR still, after-dinner speaking. I've still got bits of business going on"

Alan Bleasdale is much on Derek Hatton's mind. Mr Hatton is not pleased with Mr Bleasdale and in particular his new Channel 4 drama, *G.B.H.* He is a touch ornery about the portrayal of a certain character similar to himself.

Derek "Degsy" Hatton gives his opinions over the breakfast silver at the Hampshire hotel in Leicester Square. Outside the window, the words *The Godfather — Part III* flash up on the Empire cinema. Like the stars of the film, Mr Hatton likes to dress nice: the crispy white shirt, the silk Yves Saint Laurent tie, the Hugo Boss suit cut wide enough for a gun holster not to bulge, and the tan co-respondent shoes with gold buckles.

And no self-respecting celluloid don is seen without his Florida suntan, slicked back hair, cell phone, and diamond ring. Nor is Mr Hatton, the man who used to run a big city up north. Far from being the Mafia godfather he looks, he does "a bit of PR still; after-dinner speaking. I've still got bits of business going on." Business has been less brisk since Mr Hatton was charged with conspiracy to defraud earlier this year. He denies the charges, and the trial is yet to come. But the former Militant deputy leader of Liverpool city council has a more pressing concern — the unpleasant depiction of the dapper left-wing leader of an unspecified northern city council in *G.B.H.* He takes a deep breath.

"I haven't met anybody, friend or foe, in Liverpool or elsewhere, who hasn't acknowledged the series is about me — apart from Alan Bleasdale. I got in a taxi in Liverpool after it went out and the first thing the driver said was: 'Didya see that play about you last night, Degs?' Obviously, it's not very nice for me personally, but it's also bad for Liverpool, because it takes the worst exaggerations from *The Sun* and the *Mirror*, and exaggerates them even more. You would never experience a group of pickets stamping on a classroom ceiling with the kids inside screaming and crying. It would never happen. I'm not detracting from Bleasdale's ability to write, but just that it builds a picture, and people around the country start to think those things really *are* happening in Liverpool."

The actor, Robert Lindsay, who plays the council leader straightens his tie in an uncannily Degsy-like way; he has the swagger, too. "He must have watched a lot of videos to get them just right," Mr Hatton observes.

Being pilloried and roughed up by the media is nothing new for Mr Hatton. God probably designed him 43 years ago with that very purpose in mind, but he is finding it hard to escape the confines of his own caricature. His plight does not merit much sympathy, because it is largely of his own creation. A self-proclaimed socialist who, in better times, owned a Jaguar XJS and then a BMW with the number plate DEG5Y, can only expect the television audience to enjoy his mortification.

When Mr Hatton was disqualified as deputy leader in 1987, along with other Militant councillors, for failing to set a legal budget, he tried to change his image. An agent ensured he met the right people to get ahead in the public relations business, and that he was snapped by the paparazzi leaving the Limelight club with numerous leggy lovelies, including kiss-and-tell Fiona Wright. But his PR company failed last year, despite a last-ditch image rejig, when the Hatton off-duty footballer looks were swapped for the present gear.

The point about Mr Hatton is that image definitely outweighs content. He cottoned on to the fact that flashy suits maketh men long before the Labour leadership did. He has the politician's essential tool — total brass neck. He was probably born with the word "quotable" stamped on his nappy.

So why is he disliked so much by so many people? "They don't just have a go at me because I'm Derek Hatton. They do it because I personify everything that happened in Liverpool at that time. I personify more than anyone else, except perhaps Arthur Scargill, the left's attacks on the establishment, and the establishment don't like that so they've got to hit back."

And could the man whose heroes are Marx and Trotsky give us a bit of class analysis too? He pauses to dip a piece of mini Cumberland sausage into the yolk of his lightly poached egg, and demands another silver pot of coffee. "I can accept that the Tory establishment finds it hard that a hairy-arsed fireman [his first job] can emerge and take them on in *Question Time* or whatever, but I think the snobbery of the Labour front bench is worse."

His fork is jabbing the air, and he is off: "What sickens me is the Labour front bench is becoming more and more *professionalised*." He puckers in disgust. "Most of them have never been active in the ordinary struggle before becoming an MP. They've no experience of the outside world and very little of the Labour movement generally, and if they get into power there'll be the most enormous split after the the honeymoon of the first six months. People will say we've had the Tories, we've had the honeymoon, and now we want some goodies — better pay, better education, better nurseries, and they won't be able to deliver because they don't know what people want and they don't know how to manage. They will probably do far more harm to Britain than the Tories."

Hold on. The Militant socialist has just (indirectly) praised the Conservatives. Drowning in his own disillusionment, he thinks people will not see the point of voting Labour any more if it only does a worse job at managing the system than the Tories. "If you're going to stay within a capitalist system, the best managers of it will be a capitalist party. You might as well sit back and vote Tory and have done with it."

'Labour will probably do more harm to Britain than the Tories'

He sits back, looking like a big sleek seal, replete with breakfast and arrogance. He orders a toothpick. He ventures that disillusionment similar to his own has set in in parts of Liverpool, which is why he expects the "broad left" to give the Labour party a tough battle in the forthcoming Walton by-election, following the death of Eric Heffer. The broad left, aka Mostly Militant, is standing Lesley Mahmood against the official Labour candidate, Peter Kilfoyle.

"Lesley's got a massive show of support. The broad left has already won five out of six council seats against the official Labour candidates, which is a hard thing to do. No one was fooled. They knocked on the doors and explained why they were standing against Labour. If there was one thing we did on the council, it was develop a political consciousness.'" They used to joke that every pub had a city treasurer, because Liverpudlians talked as much about council finances as they did about football.

Mr Hatton considers this a compliment rather than an insult, not considering the appalling financial mess of his reign and subsequent government intervention might have anything to do with the interest. He has a childish innocence — it was a game, and now it is over. He is not interested in returning to power: "I'm a great Everton supporter, and to draw an analogy from that, I was the centre forward on the pitch, scoring the goals. I gave 101 per cent, 25 hours a day. I believed passionately in it and took politics as far as it would go, but there comes a time when you can't score goals so you might as well get off the pitch."

A sensible move, since he has been banned from holding local government office for five years, and was expelled from the Labour party in 1986. Like many politicians fallen on hard times, he is enjoying spending more time with his family — his wife, Shirley, and four children. At weekends he watches his son play for Liverpool Schoolboys, or drives a horsebox around the country when his daughter goes showjumping. "All this stuff about glamour girls is rubbish. I'd much rather spend time at home. I love it, and I'd shoot someone who got in the way of it."

But Mr Hatton would clearly waste away if completely deprived of the oxygen of publicity. What other job provides the same opportunities as politics for showing off? Acting. The Hatton theatrical career began last year, when he played (surprise) a flash Harry in a Sekonda watch advertisement. Rumoured fee: £50,000. This year, his agent asked him if he fancied doing a bit of pantomime. more than 30 offers came in. "Mostly villains," he says, resigned. "I'm playing King Rat at the Tameside theatre in Manchester for six weeks. It was the only part I didn't have to act for."

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Gordons prepare for battle

Defence cuts may defeat the Highland regiment

IN HIS BOOK of fictional short stories, *The General Danced At Dawn*, George MacDonald Fraser described how the officers' mess of a Highland regiment danced a one-hundred-and-twenty-eightsome reel in north Africa, at the behest of an inspecting general. This is a highly embellished tale of an event in Tripoli at the end of the second world war. The regiment, although never named, was the Gordon Highlanders.

In spite of frequent cuts in defence spending since the war, the Gordons have never been touched. Indeed, they have avoided any form of interference since 1881. Largely for this reason, commentators have cast their eyes over the regiment as a suitable case for pruning in the forthcoming cuts.

But as Major David White, the regimental secretary of the Gordons, points out: "There are only seven regiments in the Scottish division, so inevitably we must attract attention."

The Council of Scottish Colonels meets in London today and will make its recommendations to the defence ministry.

Of the seven Scottish regiments, four — the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, the Queen's Own Highlanders, the Black Watch, and the Gordons — are distinctively Highland. In past amalgamations, it has always been within brigades: Lowland to Lowland, Highland to Highland.

Inevitably, supporters of Highland regiments, including former government ministers George Younger (ex-Argyll) and Sir Hector Monro (long associated with the Camerons and Queen's Own), and Alick Buchanan-Smith, the MP for Kincardine and Deeside (Gordons), are preparing the statistical arguments for leaving the Highland regiments well alone.



Gordon Highlanders officers in 1927

The Gordons' recruiting area was, and is, the cold, isolated northeast shoulder of Scotland, the counties of Kincardineshire, Aberdeenshire and Banffshire. The insularity of the Gordons' homeland produced a strong sense of local identity.

Duchess Jean, wife of the 4th Duke of Gordon, is said to have ridden into these lands in 1794, promising a kiss and a guinea to every man who would join her husband's recently constituted colours.

It was a romantic start to a bloody history. A charge at Waterloo seemed decisive. In Afghanistan, the Gordons stormed the heights of Dargay to their march "Cock o'the North", played by the wounded piper Findlater. After their charge on Doornkop in South Africa, Winston Churchill wrote: "There is no doubt that they are the finest regiment in the world . . ." By the armistice of 1918, 29,000 officers and men had died. In 1940, two battalions were forced to surrender in France. A year later, a third battalion was captured in Singapore. But they rose again: north Africa, Italy, Germany, and after the war Malaya, Cyprus, Kenya, and Northern Ireland.

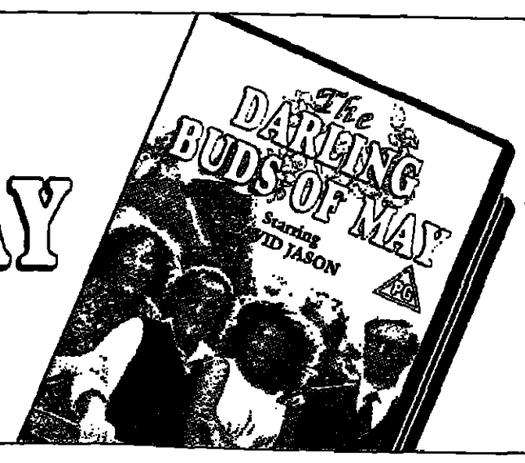
But history, however glorious, cannot save a regiment from its future. The possibility that the Gordons could go is sinking in. "The government would find itself facing an extremely broad-based campaign if something was proposed which people did not agree with," Mr Buchanan-Smith warns.

The Conservative party candidate in South Aberdeen has had more telephone calls about the Gordons' future than he ever received over the community charge. And the fight has not even begun.

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GALLERIES: LONDON

Four years that coloured the world

John Russell Taylor on Fauves in the Royal Academy's new Sackler Galleries, and the Chinese interiors of the V&A's T.T. Tsui Gallery

Hot on the heels of the Summer Exhibition, the Royal Academy is in the news again with a marvellous double. Not only was this the week that the **Fauve Landscape** exhibition opened, straight from the Metropolitan in New York; it also saw the opening of the new Sackler Galleries, in which the landscapes are exquisitely placed.

The new galleries which Norman Foster has devised to replace the old Diploma Galleries are ideal for the show. Their clean, uncluttered white walls are the perfect foil for the paintings' patches of dazzling colour, and the cool top-lighting manages to create the effect of simple daylight through a delicate and intricate system of louvres, so natural that the visitor is unconscious of the degree of manipulation going on. The Fauves need a flood of light, direct and reflected, to bring out the full vibrancy of their palette. Here they get precisely that.

The one respect in which the new galleries are not ideal for the show is their size. A glance at the massive catalogue would give the impression that *this* is a mammoth show. So, initially, it was. When it opened in Los Angeles it contained a staggering 171 works. By the time it arrived at the Metropolitan it had been cut by more than half, to 80. Now at the Academy it is down to 65 – partly because the galleries cannot accommodate any more.

What is left, though, is of top quality. It is reasonable that a show dedicated to a small group of painters working closely together over a short period of time (really only four years, 1904-1908) should be highly concentrated. Though a few more works would be welcome (especially a couple that for some technical reason could not leave the United States), many more might have diffused the effect.

The show also brings its surprises. In the eyes of art history, Matisse is the leading luminary of the group, and he duly gets top billing on the posters. But in the gallery, Derain is unmistakably the star attraction. Derain has always been something of an enigma: how could he be so brilliant for four years and so boring for the rest of his long career? Inevitably there have been attempts – such as the show in Oxford last year – to revive interest in his later work. But if that show demonstrated anything, it was that his work foundered when he decided to forsake colour for classical draughtsmanship. That seems a curious, almost masochistic exercise in self-denial: he never could draw very well, but as a colourist he was unmatched.

> *'This is a summer show of summer painting, but the warm glow that it engenders is without season'*

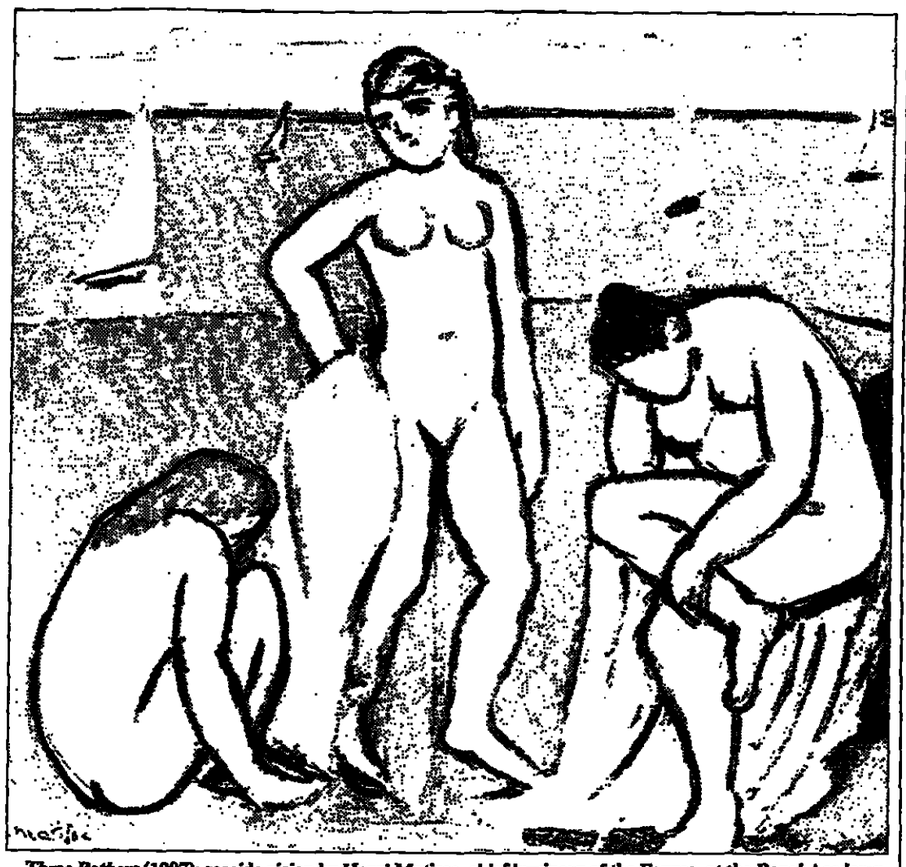
Here, there is painting after painting, climaxing in Derain's extraordinary series of prismatic views of London and Westminster, which – even at this distance of time – takes the breath away. The sheer *joie de vivre* is so disarming that speculation about the limitations of his talent is rendered irrelevant.

Next to this show's wonderful revelation of Derain must come the detailed filling-in of Braque's early years. Again, Braque was almost immediately to renounce this lavishness of colour in favour of a style based more on control and ratiocination: there is indeed one painting in this show, *Trees at l'Estaque* of 1908, which is well on the way to the Cubist severity he was about to embrace.

Possibly the reason the Matisse paintings do not impress as dramatically as the Derains and the Braques is that they are better known, so that the element of surprise is lacking, and because Matisse remained true to their perceptions until the day he died. So, in a sense, did Vlaminck; but his talent coarsened and his style became more of a formula as he progressed, so that his freshest work was done at this early period. And it is a great pleasure to rediscover such admittedly lesser figures as Othon Friesz and Matisse's great friend Henri Mangnin at the peak of their achievement. This is a summer show of summer painting, but the warm glow that it engenders is without season.

Norman Foster's work at the Academy does not stop at the doors of the Sackler Galleries: they are part of a master-plan which pulls the whole disorganised building of nooks, crannies and dead ends into a coherent pattern. This is done largely by opening out what was formerly a sooty light-well into a planning element which links the approach to the new galleries with the main upper lobby and over to the largely disused, till now, Norman Shaw staircase.

By exposing the garden wall of the original house and the outer wall of the grand Victorian galleries, Foster has vividly brought to life the building's history. Even the lift ride up to the Sackler Galleries becomes an enthralling journey through history.



Three Bathers (1907): seaside vision by Henri Matisse, chief luminary of the Fauves, at the Royal Academy

The Academy is not the only national institution to be opening a new space this week. The solution reached by the Victoria and Albert Museum in providing a new and coherent space for elements of its Chinese collection is less radical and far-reaching than the Academy's, but it also entails making the most of an existing space and fitting in with the surrounding architecture while making some comprehensible design statement of its own. The **T.T. Tsui Gallery of Chinese Art** is in one of the lofty Victorian rooms to the right of the main entrance just beyond the rotunda. They suffered particularly from being chopped up and having their ceilings lowered after the war. The new treatment takes full account of the gallery's grand original scale, but ingeniously humanises it by throwing across it a depressed wooden arch to give the feeling of a temple interior.

More controversial than the structural work, perhaps, is the concept of the new displays. Announcements that art history has been banished in favour of ethnographical concerns prove to be exaggerated. Little of historical import is lost by a non-chronological arrangement according to subject, with the subject-headings all related to the role the objects played in Chinese life.

For one thing, since the gallery has five entrances it might be difficult to ensure that the visitor's route followed chronology. Nor would this necessarily help much in one of the museum's central concerns: to establish a functioning relationship with London's Chinese community. In any case, virtually none of the material on display is, by Chinese standards, art at all (just a few paintings and pieces of calligraphy). The chairs, cups and temple furnishings are beautiful indeed, but in their original context the function was primary, and the design something which, in a civilised community, could be taken for granted. Even if the thrust of the new displays is broadly educational, one could hardly ask for instruction to be more gracefully disseminated.

The Fauve Landscape Sackler Galleries, Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438). Daily 10am-6pm, until September 1. Sponsored by Ford Motor Company.

T.T. Tsui Gallery of Chinese Art Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7 (071-938 8361). Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2.30-6pm.

CRITIC'S CHOICE: GALLERIES

DANCING ON There seems to be no end to the number of times Degas could return to drawing his favourite corps de ballet without losing his freshness. Plenty here, along with horses and other obsessions.
Edgar Degas The St James's Group, 91 Jermyn Street, SW1 (071-321 0233). Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, until July 5.

OLD MASTERS As well as drawings, this new show includes more than 30 16th century Italian paintings, including the newly rediscovered Tintoretto, *Martyrdom of St Lawrence*.
Cinquecento Walpole Gallery, 38 Dover Street, W1 (071-499 6626). Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, until July 26.

PRINT WORKS Lucian Freud has regularly etched since 1946, mostly portraits. The complete 38 etchings are shown together for the first time. Sharply personal, like everything else he does.
Lucian Freud: The Complete Etchings Thomas Gibson, 44 Old Bond Street, W1 (071-499 8572). Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, until July 12.

MUTED MODERNIST John Skeaping is best remembered as Barbara Hepworth's first husband and a fluent animal portraitist. This retrospective tries to revalue him as an early innovator: not quite successfully, but the early animal sculptures are splendid.
John Skeaping Ackermann, 33 New Bond Street, W1 (071-493 3288). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, until July 5.

HIGH FIFTIES John R. Barker was a successful commercial artist who died young just after he had decided to concentrate on painting. His work is very period in its spiky formalisations and discreet touches of surrealism, but fresh and individual for all that.
John R. Barker 1911-1959 Waterhouse and Dodd, 110 New Bond Street W1 (071-491 9293). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 11am-4pm, until June 24.

REGENCY ROMANCE Horace Vernet had a sharp eye for the wonders and weirdnesses of French fashionable life, and it is not for nothing that this show of 25 watercolours from the collection of the Duchesse de Berry is subtitled "Incroyables et Merveilleuses".
Horace Vernet 1789-1863 Hazlitt, Gooden & Fox, 38 Bury Street, SW1 (071-930 6422). Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, until June 21.

Tours de force

THE marketing of Moscow ballet is surely getting out of hand: three different ballet companies from the Soviet capital will be touring Britain during September, while a fourth arrives two months later. First up are Moscow Festival Ballet, Moscow City Ballet and Moscow's "La Classique" Ballet (making its British debut). Then comes the Moscow-based troupe led by Bolshoi star Vatcheslav Gordeyev; luckily, it has changed its name from the Moscow Ballet to the grander title of Russian State Ballet.

New platform

THOSE who rue the loss of this summer's Almeida Festival may find some compensation in another festival of new music, being held from July 7 to 14 at London's Arts Theatre. The eight-day "Platform 1" features artists such as jazz keyboard player Django Bates, the percussionist Simon Limbrick, Norwegian cellist Oystein Birkeland and pianist/composer Joanna MacGregor.

Tuneless?

TOMMY Tune's hit Broadway musical *Grand Hotel* opens in the West End on September 19, but it is unclear how the director-choreographer will be able to attend to the production's London rehearsals. Tune is currently touring America in a revival of *Bye Bye Birdie* which calls for him to be in Minnesota and Ohio just as *Grand Hotel* starts its previews at the Shaftesbury Theatre. Producer Lee Menzies says: "Tommy Tune *is* coming to London to direct the show. I can't tell you precisely when he's coming, but sometimes people can do two things at the same time."



Tune: dual roles

Last chance...

WHERE Glasgow's Tron Theatre has turned a French-Canadian play by Michel Tremblay into broad Scots, Sheffield's Crucible (0742 769922) is playing another in rich Yorkshire. *The Good Sisters* has a cast of 15 women whose rampaging greed emerges when one of them wins a million green stamps and invites the others round for a lick 'n' stick party. This inventive production ends tomorrow.

RECORDS: ROCK

Success in simplicity

Cher: Love Hurts (Geffen GEF 24427)
New Model Army: Raw Melody Men (EMI EMC 796663 2)
Buddy Guy: Damn Right, I've Got the Blues (Silvertone ORE 516)

A BEAUTIFUL woman with a wardrobe full of expensive tat, Cher applies a formidable voice to musical material of a similar cut. Few of the songs on *Love Hurts*, and even fewer of the arrangements, do her any favours. The title track, the Bondleaux Bryant standard, is pumped up with strings, ethereal backing-voices, thunderclap guitar chords and a snare that sounds like distant cannon-fire. The song billows portentously over the top, with the lyric's plangent tone toppling into bathos.

Yet when she reins back, as on the forthcoming single "Love and Understanding", it becomes unbearably twee. She is at her best with the simple, unaffected version of Betty Everett's "The Shoop Shoop Song (It's in His Kiss)" that was No 1 for many weeks. The song's success evidently came as something of a surprise – it is included on the album, but too late for its presence to register on the cover artwork – yet it stands well above the MTV formula rock which predominates.

New Model Army soldier on, promoting more a way of life than a style of music. The ranks of their ragged following are swollen by a continuous trickle of new recruits, although the dam which blocks off their individualistic brand of post-punk rebel rock from the mainstream seems to be in no danger of bursting.

Raw Melody Men (an uncannily apposite anagram) is their first live album, and its sound is some way removed from the rough and tumble that the uninitiated might imagine was the norm at an Army gig. A disappointingly small showing of old numbers – "Lib. Ed", "Better than Them", "Love Songs" and "Smalltown England" – are smattered among more recent material from the *Thunder and Consolation* and *Impurity* albums. All are turned out in a neat, disciplined fashion, with violin, keyboards and acoustic guitar featuring prominently alongside the straight-arm thrust of Justin Sullivan's guitar and roaring vocals. Nelson's clanky bass and Robb Heaton's clattering drum tattoos.



Cher: slides into bathos

Extravagant claims have been made in support of Chicago veteran **Buddy Guy**'s new album *Damn Right, I Got the Blues*, and even Eric Clapton has described him as "without doubt the best guitar player alive".

Certainly there are not many performers who could rope in Clapton, Jeff Beck, Mark Knopfler and the Memphis Horns to play on their album, and Guy has mustered something of the cachet which helped to make John Lee Hooker's all-star collection *The Healer* such a success.

But he does not have Hooker's magnetic touch. A flamboyant player with a thick, greasy tone, Guy tends to rage around the fretboard with great gusto but limited coherence. The choice of songs – "Five Long Years","Mustang Sally", Willie Dixon's "Let Me Love You Baby" – is pleasant but undistinguished.

DAVID SINCLAIR

ROCK NEWS

● **NWA**, provocative American rappers, had 12,000 copies of their album *Efil4Zaggin* seized by officers from the Obscene Publication Squad last week. In the wake of the confiscations, chain stores Virgin, HMV and Our Price have withdrawn the album from sale. Even so, it entered the UK chart this week at No 25. A relentless litany of explicitly violent imagery, foul language and blatant misogyny, *Efil4Zaggin* made its chart debut at No 2 in the United States, where it is already one of the biggest-selling albums released this year.

● **BUDDY GUY** (see record review, above) plays the Town & Country, London NW5 (071-284 0303) on July 8, 9.

● **LEVEL 42** have announced their first show since signing a new contract with RCA Records. They play at Crystal Palace Bowl (081-778 7148) on August 4, supported by Squeeze and Gary Clail.

● **THE NEVILLE BROTHERS** appear at Brixton Academy, London SW9 (071-326 1022) on August 10.

● **GIPSY KINGS** have dates at: Colston Hall, Bristol (0272 223686) July 1; Brighton Centre (0273 202881) July 2; Apollo, Manchester (061 273 3775) July 3; NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133) July 4; Wembley Arena (081-900 1234) July 5.

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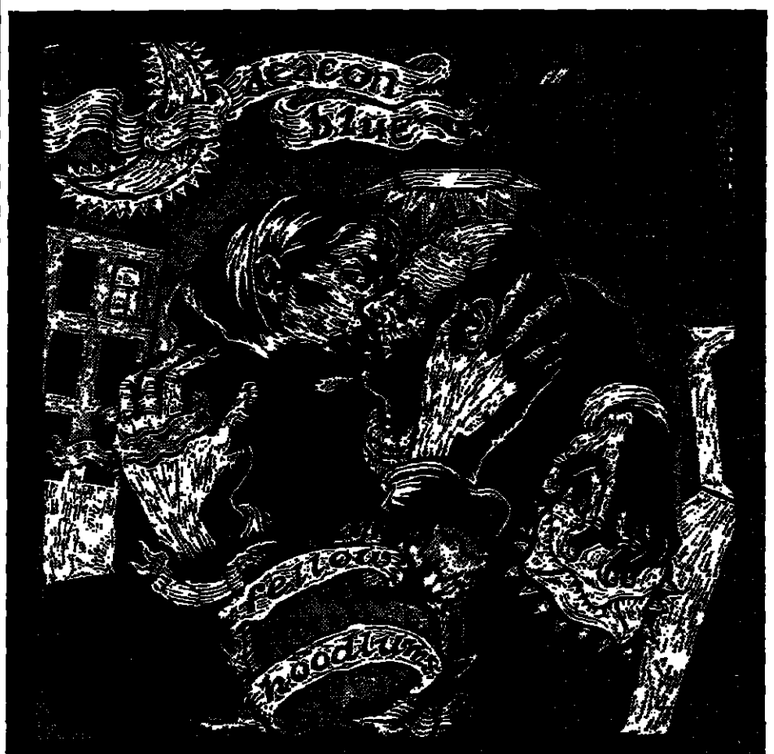
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Pack away this old flannel

Philip Howard

It's simply not cricket. But then, it never was. Grace and Hobbes would not recognise the modern game, with helmets like bits of medieval armour, and coloured pyjamas and more persistent intimidatory bowling than was dreamt of in their philosophy. Part of *The Oxford English Dictionary* most in need of revision, since it was written more than a century ago, is the definition of cricketing terms; the wickets have been shifted by the Packer revolution, and other changes in rules and tactics.

But, *pace* nostalgic sentimentalists, cricket never was a very sporting game, even in its allegedly golden age. The first poem about cricket, William Goldwin's *In Certamen Pilae* of 1706, a Latin epic about a village cricket match, starts with an acrimonious argument about the rules, quite worthy of Viv Richards or Ian Botham. *Mox iurgia miscent / Civilisque iras, quod vult imponere ludo / Quisque suas leges*: "They soon descend to insults and civil war, because each man wants to play the game by his own rules." They make our modern players look positively sporting.

So where on earth did we get the expression "It's not cricket", which makes Americans fall about as much as our stiff upper lips and loose lower jaws? The legend is that it goes back to the Puritan legislation against sport, especially never having it on Sundays. In 1622 the villagers of Boxgrove, near Chichester, were prosecuted for playing cricket on a Sunday. They complained that this was not cricket, meaning that it was not fair, not playing the game. Hence is said to come one of our more whiskery and sanctimonious sporting phrases.

I don't believe a word of it. There is no contemporary source for the story, and cricketers, like all sportsmen, are liars and fantasists. The first solid evidence for "it's not cricket" is from 1867, but it did not become widely popular until the old Queen died. Here is an early example, from *The Partners*, one of those Ibsen-esque domestic dramas by Stanley Houghton, the best of the so-called Manchester School, first performed in 1913: "It may even enable you to take high place in the ranks of the emancipated – but it is not playing the game. In other words, Cynthia, it is not cricket." The name Cynthia is as good a signpost to the date as the cricketing catch-phrase.

English is full of dreadful cricketing clichés, from sticky wickets to full tosses and googlies. They are patronising and ridiculous to non-cricketers, who are the majority of English-speakers. To be stumped, meaning to be baffled, however, has nothing to do with the irritating way of being dismissed by the wicket-keeper when you have allowed your foot to drag over the crease. It is an obsolete American cliché, derived from the stumps that the pioneers of new land had to remove from the earth after felling trees in the backwoods. Some of these stumps were so big, and their roots went down so far, that the pioneers were perplexed, and said to be stumped.

The thing to do with cricketing and other dead metaphors is to avoid them. Mrs Thatcher got her pads in a terrible tangle with cricketing clichés in her Mansion House speech, a little ere that mighty Caesaress fell. Geoffrey Howe picked up the cricketing metaphor in his resignation speech, and showed that he too, with his talk of captains breaking the bats of their openers, had only a vague idea of how the game works. Cricket is a good game. The thing to do is to play it, and if possible score a stylish century, and take a catch or two. Failing that, watch it, with a good book. But as a metaphor for life, forget it.

As Westminster Council looks for vacant property, **Janet Daley** calls the bluff of the homelessness lobby

Hypocrisy and hopelessness

There is homelessness and homelessness. The word has become a shibboleth for opposition politicians and the "caring" media, who utter it like an accusatory incantation. If you want to sort out the genuinely concerned from the political capitalisers, there is a useful key. Anyone who talks about homelessness as if it were a single phenomenon with a straightforward cause is to be distrusted.

Ironically, the most visible homelessness is probably the least serious. No one who lives in or visits London can be unaware that it is becoming the vagrancy capital of the western world. There has always been a hard core of derelicts lurking in the corners of cosmopolitan cities. But the street culture of young beggars who have become a feature of life in the West End is something else. Taken up by Labour as a totem of heartless Tory Britain, scrutinised by the press, they have become an emblem of our times.

This homelessness is a godsend for political oppositions because, being largely voluntary, it cannot be cured by government policy, so the government can always be embarrassed by them.

Offers of hostel places have come from the housing minister, Sir George Young, and even from the Metropolitan Police who recently offered 500 of their own hostel beds to those sleeping rough. But a vagabond subculture has grown up which now attracts young people from all over the country, many coming from areas where employment and housing prospects are better than in recession-bound London.

Other, less sentimental ages dealt with these matters differently. The Elizabethan Poor Law made a point of returning the indigent to their home parishes so they could not congregate and overburden one locality.

Police see enforcing the laws against vagrancy and begging as futile when people processed by the magistrates' courts return to the streets the next day. Attracting drug dealers and sexual predators, these young camp-followers are a social problem for which there is no quick political solution. Any party spokesman who claims otherwise is either ill-informed or dishonest.

The high-profile young conveniently serve to muddle the issue of the more economically critical form of homelessness for which Labour councils bear so much responsibility. Westminster Council is now trying to persuade the 60 local authorities with the highest number of empty properties to accept some of its registered homeless families. The response of these councils, oddly enough, is that they have housing waiting lists of their own.



Desolation row: but many chose this life voluntarily

Quite why they are incapable of connecting their own homeless with these "void and available" properties, is a question that goes to the heart of the housing problem in Britain. Why are so many houses, often in need of only minor repair, being left vacant as a consequence of deliberate council policy? What Westminster is uncovering in its attempts to comb the country for available housing is a rather more tractable political issue.

Those who have worked with the itinerant roofless are aware of what the Salvation Army calls their "diversity". Among the most critical categories are the mentally ill, the social misfits, those whose lives have been ruined by drugs or alcohol, and the young escaping from abuse at home. In a report issued today, the Salvation Army proposes a major rescue operation for these genuine unfortunates, involving shelter, counselling and food distribution.

Many of the Salvation Army hostel residents began as victims of misfortune, or had their lives wrecked by particular calamities. When divorce or unemployment has resulted in some temporary breakdown of a person's ability to cope, or when the need to find work has made people uproot themselves, short-term constructive help may be all they need to get back on their feet.

What the Salvation Army is most anxious to prevent is the long-term dependency that such an organisation can cultivate. Having humanely offered a bed for life to anyone who needs it, they now wish to concentrate on helping people toward more "independent" lives. Recognising that homelessness is a symptom of disorientation, they want to enable people to build viable lives of their own.

Short-term management of the socially derelict must not be confused with the kind of homelessness which is really a function of perverse political policy. Given a chance, sincerely determined families or even communes of young single people could easily transform many existing empty properties into habitable homes. But of course allowing people to do things for themselves has never been popular with local bureaucracies.

The need to control the supply of housing and to commandeer its renovation for the councils' own directly-employed labour forces has distorted the availability of homes to a disastrous extent. There is now virtually no room in the system for the kind of casual, inexpensive accommodation which is needed to offer flexibility to people whose lives are disrupted either personally or financially.

Ironically, the vitality and responsiveness of the housing market was effectively destroyed by the emphasis on security in housing under the welfare state. Now we find ourselves with an over-administered, clumsy bureaucracy attempting to deal with the housing needs of nearly half the population. Inevitably, a great many slip through its net.

The sort of homelessness which means despair is quite different from the sort which means adventure, but there are indications that the freedom of the streets is becoming a route to destruction. The police – who so far have taken a lenient attitude toward those living rough – are becoming concerned that the street culture is breeding hardened crime. Many of those who took to the streets to find freedom are finding themselves exploited and abused by others living the same life.

Strong-armed by democracy

Yeltsin's election is part of a craving for strong leaders to clear away the communist debris. **Roger Boyes** asks whether such executive power is becoming dangerous



The urge for a strong man at the helm is again being felt in eastern Europe. This is not simple nostalgia for pre-war dictators, benign monarchs and a more ordered society. Many central and east Europeans are coming round to the idea that decisive personal leadership, rather than the emerging jumble of political parties and fickle, overloaded parliaments, is the only way out of recession and social crisis, as well as the surest guarantee of independence.

The election of Boris Yeltsin to the Russian presidency is part of the trend. So is President Walesa's demand for emergency powers for his government. The Bulgarians are clamouring for the return of King Simeon not because of an obsession with royalty, but because of the appeal of a powerful suprapolitical figure. Even the phlegmatic Hungarians are veering this way: according to research in Budapest, some 68 per cent of Hungarians want stronger government leadership.

Force of personality brought Boris Yeltsin, Vaclav Havel and Lech Walesa to power. All three were elected without clearly defined restraints on their authority. To a large extent they will be able to shape their relationships with other democratic institutions. Mr Havel says that the new constitution should tightly hedge about the role of president, but in the meantime he has put together a large team of advisers in the presidential palace, and is actively intervening in everyday politics. Eight political teams report to him, covering everything from human rights to pollution and the health service.

At the same time, Czechoslovakia's state government is rapidly being decentralised and the authority of parliament is seeping away. As in Poland, the magnetic field is between the president and a radical market reforming finance minister (Vaclav Klaus in Czechoslovakia, Leszek Balcerowicz in Poland). President Yeltsin will probably end up in a similar constellation: parliaments and premiers do not seem to play a large part in his political strategy.

On the whole, voters are happy with these new alignments. The anti-totalitarian groupings (Poland's Solidarity, Civic Forum and Public Against Violence in Czechoslovakia, and the Union of Democratic Forces in Bulgaria) have been breaking up in rather bitter circumstances. The resulting political parties are weak and underfunded, and have poorly defined programmes. And the parliaments are having to process mountains of legislation to replace the communist infrastructure; there is barely time for debate. Strong presidents, preferably with anti-establishment pedigrees, are far more attractive.

The most uneasy relationship in the post-communist political landscape is between President Walesa and the Polish parliament. Mr Walesa was directly elected, but the lower house of parliament, the Sejm, still has a guaranteed block of seats for ex-communists. Logically, parliament should be dissolved as soon as possible and an election law, setting out voting methods, has been prepared. But Mr Walesa has used his presidential veto against the bill and so even autumn elections may be at risk.

Why has he done this? Cynics (who have a good prediction record in Poland) say that continuing the life of a lame-duck parliament actually suits the president, allowing him to run the show. He cannot run it entirely by himself, they say, so he wants to give emergency powers to the government, which he chose. Parliament has for the moment become an irrelevance.

There is a historical parallel to Mr Walesa's manoeuvres: the pre-war *Sanacja* regime of Marshal Pilsudski. Parliament and political parties continued to function, but between 1926 and 1935 real power was exercised by the marshal. Mr Walesa's advisers baulk at the comparison – after all Pilsudski overthrew a legally constituted government – but in almost every one of his political moves today there are echoes of the *Sanacja* period. The uncertainties of the Twenties and Thirties re-emerge in the Nineties in the form of long dole queues, growing poverty, anti-Semitism and disturbing rumbles from across the Soviet frontier.

Add to this the huge effort of abandoning the communist planning system, and it is clear that there is a temptation for the east and central Europeans to reach for the images of the inter-war years. The Pope's reference in Poland this month to communism as "a certain interruption" of history seemed to endorse this.

In the search for historical models, President Havel has an easier time than most: Thomas Masaryk, a philosopher-politician with sound democratic instincts, set a good example. Even so Mr Havel's gentle liberalism is constantly at war with the political necessity to concentrate power in the president's hands.

International experience – for instance in Chile and South Korea – suggests that strong leadership may be needed for a rapid shift to the market, if only to batten down wage demands. But to neglect intermediary democratic institutions at such an early stage in the post-communist revolution is to trespass on quicksand. A free press is blooming (though it leans towards orthodoxy) but other institutions are distinctly underdeveloped. There are outlets for journalists who want to criticise President Havel or Romania's Ion Iliescu, but not many.

The dangers can best be observed in courtrooms. In theory, all the central Europeans now have independent judiciaries. In practice there has been no time to re-educate the legal profession. Now, instead of following party edicts, they glance nervously over their shoulders towards the presidential palace. The Helsinki group in Poland has become particularly active, investigating witch-hunts against communists, spurious pornography cases and the high number of former secret agents who have been committing suicide. Partly because of church pressure, social minorities such as homosexuals are having a hard time in the workplace.

The line between firm leadership and a return to mild authoritarianism is a thin one. The new populists of eastern Europe should be wary of preferring crowd politics to the building of democratic institutions. Otherwise, in an Orwellian twist, they may end up resembling the men that they ousted.

...and moreover

ALAN COREN

For quite some time, man knew what the person he was talking to looked like. Throughout the hundred thousand years or so which followed the invention of the grunt, whenever someone said "Hello" to man, man saw a face saying it.

And then 1876 came along, as it was always going to, and someone said "Hello" to man and man said "Who's speaking?" and someone said "My name is Alexander Graham Bell", and man did not have the faintest idea what Alexander Graham Bell looked like. Admittedly there was a clue in the Edinburgh accent that the face might have a kilt below it, possibly a beard round it, even a tam-o'-shanter on top of it, but that was about it, and anyway man couldn't be sure of any of these, for who could say with any certainty that Alexander Graham Bell wasn't a Samoan with a gift for mimicry?

Indeed, since anyone on one end of a telephone could say he was Alexander Graham Bell, who on the other end could tell whether he was or wasn't when he said he was? Even if man had previously seen a photograph of Alexander Graham Bell, that did not mean that the face which came into his head when someone said "Alexander Graham Bell here" was the right face. Deception apart, there could very well be more than one Alexander Graham Bell, never mind the further complication that 250 million Americans remained unshakeable in the belief that he was Thomas Alva Edison.

After 1876, in short, human communication would never be the same. And I have never come to terms with this. I need to see what I hear. Whenever I am telephoned by someone hitherto unknown to me, some caprice of the brain requires the disembodied voice to yield, however sketchily, to this or that speculative embodiment. A voice says: "Good morning, this is the Hendon tax office..." and, though I have never been there, a cream-distempered wall materialises in the earpiece, and ranks of green filing cabinets, and a cluttered mahoganette desk, at which sits a balding man in grey pinstripe. I see bifocals, thinnish lips, a rather prominent Adam's apple, this must be how it is if you are a medium, the ectoplasm is gradually sculpting itself into Norman Tebbit. Or I ring Avis Rent-a-Car, and a voice chirps, "Good morning, Yvonne speaking, how may I help you?" and I see Yvonne's floral print, her lip-glossed phone-smile, that rather fetching way she has of inclining her head, the logoed felt-tip poised between her cute little digits.

This is not imagination, you will say, merely stereotyping. Well, yes, up to a point, but it also happens when I have absolutely nothing to go on. "Good afternoon, we haven't met, I do hope you'll forgive my calling you out of the blue, but..." and by this time I have, for some reason, the outline of a weakish chin, a curiously beaky nose, a ginger quiff, all this well before he introduces himself as, say, Major Rupert Molesworth of the Grenadier Guards, thereby requiring me quickly to stick a bearskin on his half-envisaged head, and, if he's using a portable phone, possibly a horse between his as yet unimagined legs.

Where, you will ask as if you gave a damn, can all this be leading? To perhaps the most peculiar – unquestionably the most unsettling – experience a telephone earpiece has ever given me. Last evening, at around nine o'clock, the phone rang, a man with a deepish, faintly Midlands, accent asked if I was who I am, excused himself for disturbing me, and said that I didn't know him, but that his name was Keith Winter.

Doing what I have explained that I do at such times, I began rapidly joining up the dots and found myself with a long and hairy head, deep-set brown eyes, practically lobeless ears, and I was just addressing the nose when Keith said: "You'll think I'm mad" (I unset the eyes and made them roll a bit) "but for some time now people have been coming up to me in the street and saying they've seen me on the box, and when I ask them who they think I am, they say you, so I got Yorkshire Television to send me a cassette of something I was told you'd done, and I've just watched it, and it's absolutely bloody uncanny, we are doubles."

Inside my head, Keith's own suddenly grew rounder, his eyes went blue, lobes sprouted on his ears, his hair fell out. And yet, for all that, do you know I couldn't see him?

It was utterly impossible to picture me.

Villain of the peace

Forget Stormin' Norman. Is the real and so far untold story of the Gulf war the role of Stormin' John Major? A biography of the prime minister to be published next week claims that it was he and not, as some have suggested, General Schwarzkopf who urged President Bush not to call a ceasefire.

The claim is made by the journalist Bruce Anderson in *John Major: The Making of the Prime Minister*. He says that in a night of high drama in Downing Street on February 28, Britain unavailingly urged Bush to continue the land war after the White House had told Downing Street that Schwarzkopf and Colin Powell had made a joint recommendation in favour of a ceasefire.

Douglas Hurd, who was in the White House at the time, spoke immediately to Major. According to Anderson, whose account is based on an extensive briefing with a senior war cabinet source, the foreign secretary was instructed to press for an extension of the ground war of at least 24 hours. Downing Street wanted to throw a loop round the Iraqi forces in southern Iraq and Kuwait so as to prevent substantial enemy troop movements back to the safety of Baghdad. "It was the British who questioned Bush's decision," he says. "They could not understand this display of chivalry."

The account was confirmed yesterday by another Downing Street source: "Anderson's version is correct. General Schwarzkopf's claim that he wanted to go into Baghdad directly contradicts what we were told that night. The prime minister was the one who doubted the wisdom of a ceasefire."

Anderson even has an explanation of why the Americans called off hostilities. "Some British officials entertained the unworthy suspicion that the two generals had seen an overwhelming public relations advantage in ending the ground war in exactly 100 hours," he says provocatively.

● *After the campaign to rename Leningrad, how long before the citizens of St Petersburg discover the urge to travel still further back to their Swedish roots? After all, the city's real historical name was Nyenskans, the original tiny fortress town built on the same site by the Swedes in 1609.*

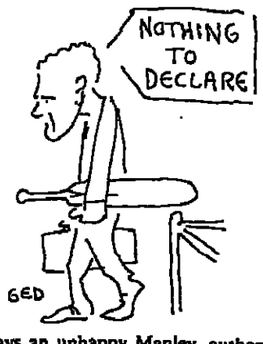
Tassit disapproval

With the British press this week full of Soviet politics, the Soviet press is equally full of British politics – thanks to the admission of the first ever Soviet journalist to the lobby at Westminster. Dmitri Voskoboinikov, a correspondent with the Soviet news agency Tass, received his pass last month and now has unrestricted access to MPs and government briefings. He took his place for the first time this week, and immediately filed a story about the attitude of British MPs to Gorbachev. "It was a mixed response," says Voskoboinikov, aged 31, who learnt his craft at the faculty of journalism at Moscow State University.

To his surprise he found Tory MPs more flattering about the Soviet leader than their Labour counterparts. "It was Labour MPs who thought Gorbachev should not have been invited to the G7 summit," he said, breaking lobby rules immediately by naming one MP who had been particularly rude about Gorbachev. As he is a newcomer, his peers will surely forgive him one small indiscretion.

Green channel

Michael Manley should board his flight for Jamaica relieved that his unfortunate week in London has come to an end. The Commonwealth meeting he came to attend was cancelled, and the Jamaican prime minister also had to endure a miserable few days in front of the television in his room at the Dorchester watching Graham Gooch blunt the might of the West Indian cricket team. "I couldn't watch it all, it was too uncomfortable. But I reluctantly have to confess the best team on the day won,"



says an unhappy Manley, author of a history of West Indies cricket.

There were further misfortunes. During the trip Manley's publishers presented him with an early copy of his new book, *The Poverty of Nations*. When his aides saw the cover they winced. Its eye-catching colour scheme of light and dark green was attractive enough – except that makes the book look just like a manifesto for his most bitter political opponents, the Jamaican Labour party, which uses the very same colours.

Stormy weather

A malign spirit appears to be dogging actor-director Mark Rylance's bizarre touring production of *The Tempest*. The play is being staged at carefully chosen open-air sites on "ley lines", representing the earth's ancient and mystical points of energy, not that it is doing them much good.

Since opening at the Rollright Stones in Oxfordshire last week, the company has been hit by a series of unexplained mishaps – actors fainting, well-rehearsed cues and lines fluffed and the sudden failure of mobile telephones from the mystical sites. This week the British weather produced a tempest of its own when they were performing at Corfe Castle, Dorset. "The audience was prepared to sit through the deluge and we were prepared to perform," a spokeswoman says. "But the St John's Ambulance advised us to abandon it in the interests of safety." Next week the company opens at another ancient site, close by the Globe theatre in Southwark. London's emergency services would be well advised to stand by.

● *Conducting the English Sinfonia in Northampton recently, the conductor Sir Charles Groves grew increasingly angry as the audience applauded between every song in Elgar's* Sea Pictures. *Finally he turned to the audience and accused them of breaking the musicians' concentration. "These are not a couple of songs at a Masonic night," he said angrily. Thomas Beecham would have been proud.*

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MERE WHITEHALL AGENTS

The issue of the hour in Britain is the division of power and responsibility between tiers of government. John Major, in his speech to Welsh Conservatives tonight, will seek to stem a flood of speculation over whether he will or will not concede more economic sovereignty to a supranational Europe. At issue is the principle of subsidiarity, which says that the functions of government should be devolved to the lowest and smallest tier compatible with efficiency and democratic accountability. Whatever nods he may make in the direction of Brussels, he will reassure sceptics that parliamentary rights must be undiminished and the electorate remain sovereign.

How strange that he shows no such concern for the subsidiary democratic institutions whose rights his own government has spent ten years eroding. The division of powers between central and local government last year tore the Tories apart and undermined Margaret Thatcher's position. The poll tax was the *casus belli*, but deeper issues lay beneath. Was Westminster willing to grant greater autonomy to local government or was it, in the guise of abolishing an unpopular tax, turning councils into mere agencies of Whitehall? Under the Tories, the amount of local expenditure covered by locally determined revenue is to fall from over half to under 15 per cent.

The answer appears to be yes. The government has received many representations on its paper, "A new tax for local government", on which the consultation period ends today. The details of valuation, timetabling and implementation are matters of continued debate, but they do not bear on the fundamentals. The government has already sandbagged the debate. The poll tax was to be abolished and the path to council tax eased by the Budget transfer of £4 billion of council spending to VAT. The government wishes the issue politically dead.

This it must not be. The Audit Commission this week pointed out that, so small is the area of discretion left to councils, they will have to raise their own tax by 7 per cent or more to increase their spending by 1 per cent. This puts even the remaining discretion under effective central restraint. Ministers this week endorsed their antipathy to localism by pushing through the Commons new powers to cap the spending of every council in the country. The bill is an offence against local democracy far more outrageous than anything M Delors is proposing for monetary and political union. Michael Heseltine is, in effect, telling local councillors that their work is of tinpot insignificance: they cannot be trusted with access to the public purse and should delegate their discretion upwards to a bountiful and ever-wise Treasury.

The local government Audit Commission has pointed to at least one means of rectifying this outrage. The government could return to local councils power to decide how much to charge local businesses, thus doubling at a stroke the revenue under their control. A council which raised taxes too much would discourage local businesses, harm local employment and risk diminishing the local tax base. This disincentive to reckless spending would reduce the need for capping, even on the existing basis. It would give a mighty boost to a principle to which ministers pay lipservice, that of vigorous and constructive partnership between local businesses and their communities.

Michael Portillo, the local government minister, yesterday curtly rejected this suggestion. One more U-turn is more than the most shameless minister can bear. The issue is closed. The Treasury will not be happy until the revenue and spending of every council is determined by its officials.

This is politically inept since it ensures that every defect of local administration can be blamed on ministers in London. That is already the case in capped districts. Labour is wisely committed to ending capping, though Labour has yet to encounter the Treasury on this matter. The environment department, the central custodian of local government, is clearly in retreat. Mr Heseltine himself is ambiguous. Yesterday's pluralist reformer is today's central controller. His colleagues and much of his party do not care. This is sad for Britain's supposedly pluralist democracy and makes mockery of Tory complaints about overweening centralism in Brussels. What local government needs is a Bruges group of its own.

GREATER PETERSBURG

What's in a name? A great deal, it would seem, if you live in the former capital of the Russian empire. From its foundation by Peter the Great in 1703 until the first world war, Russia's window to the west was known as St Petersburg. Russified into Petrograd by Tsar Nicholas II, it was renamed Leningrad after the death of Lenin in 1924. The sufferings of the siege from 1941 to 1944, in which up to a million died, will perpetuate the name of Leningrad; but it was a liability in the present mood of national revival.

This week the five million inhabitants of the city have voted to restore its first name. By doing so, they have confounded not only President Gorbachev and the Communist party (who naturally campaigned hard against any change), but also Alexander Solzhenitsyn. The great Russian émigré wrote from his American exile that St Petersburg was a German name, and vainly pleaded for Petrograd. The prophet proposed much wider, national, consultation: and the Communists now agree with him.

Whether or not they are allowed to have their way, the citizens of St Petersburg, as they henceforth wish their metropolis to be known, have shown an admirable independence of mind. They have rejected Slavophile xenophobia as well as Communist idolatry, and apparently wish to return to the cosmopolitanism of the city's heyday. The name of Leningrad had never quite driven out St Petersburg, though the latter had long since become corrupt. The "s" in Petersburg had been lost early in its history; latterly, the German prefix "*Sankt*" was often dropped too, leaving the truncated "*Peterburg*".

What of Lenin himself? His right to be commemorated where he arrived at the Finland Station, and elsewhere in the city, is not contested by its outspoken mayor, Anatoli Sobchak. When some 25 years earlier the young Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov first reached the then Russian capital of Dostoyevsky's day, its impact on him was immense. As the late Leonard Schapiro put it, "Until he moved to Petersburg Lenin had had comparatively little contact with industry." Leningrad cannot deny its own part in the history of Bolshevism, long before 1917. But there is no reason to suppose that the Bolshevik leader, who moved the seat of government to Moscow in 1918, ever wanted the old capital named after himself.

The city is entitled to prefer the name of a saint to that of a ruler whose ideals may have been betrayed by Stalin but who is seen by millions as the cause of "all our woe". But the return to history, to Holy Russia, is a necessary stage on the path to national redemption, not an end in itself. Pre-Communist history may offer spiritual inspiration, but precious few models that are of political use today.

The rich symbolism of this restoration of one of the noblest names in Russian history would be lost were it not followed by deeds, perhaps no less hazardous than Tsar Peter's decision to move his capital to the banks of the Neva in the first place. St Petersburg bears witness to the Russian people's manifest and deeply stirring desire to start again, so drawing a line under seven catastrophic decades.

MORE TIME AT THE ZOO

How much are the chimpanzees at London Zoo worth? They can be valuable to scientific research. If they breed in captivity, they can help the survival of their species should it become endangered. Like an exhibit in a museum, they can educate people who would otherwise never have the chance to see a primate in the fur. With their fellow animals, they can provide hours of pleasure for a family in a city that is famously unfriendly to parents and children.

The visiting public can only be expected to bear the cost of the last function, entertainment. Apart from the occasional burst of generosity spurred by threat-of-closure appeals, people will pay at the turnstile only the fair price for what the zoo gives them personally. Money for research, conservation and education has to be found elsewhere.

Yesterday London Zoo appealed to the government for a stay of execution. Without more time (and therefore more money), the deadline for closure is now September. The zoo is losing £1.5 million a year and wants another £6 million from the environment department to pay for a restructuring plan. So far, David Trippier, the minister in charge, has resisted the zoo lobby. Central London is no place to confine such creatures, he says, and anyway the zoo has had enough government money already.

What is enough? Through its subsidy of other museums, environmental projects and education, the government concedes the public interest case for a measure of state subsidy. Its sporadic support for the zoo shows that it has not in the past expected the institution to be totally self-supporting. On the other hand, there never is enough public money to go round. Institutions deserving of subsidy have to milk the private sector too. The London Zoo should be — and up to a point is — a prime example of this mixed economy at work.

Museums have been riven throughout the past decade by arguments over whether to popularise themselves in order to increase their income. The more enlightened have realised that making their exhibits more attractive does not automatically imply that standards of scholarship have to fall. The zoo, to its credit, at least wants to become more visitor-friendly. It recently drew up a plan to do so, but its crudeness and over-ambition proved its undoing.

If London Zoo metamorphosed into nothing more than a theme park, an animal version of Disneyland, it could probably make enough money to stand on its own four feet. Chessington Zoo saw its attendances more than double when it turned itself into Chessington World of Adventures, in a period when the number of people visiting London Zoo fell. Chessington now makes several million pounds a year.

But provided the zoo shows willing by raising as much as it can from the private sector, and spends the money on making itself more attractive to visitors without lowering its standards of education or research, the environment department should offer the seed money needed. Already, the zoo's latest campaign has raised more than £1 million, and attendances are up by 30 per cent. There is hope that a private business consortium could put up more money. The zoo has done its bit; the public has shown its support; now the government should act.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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First or second class on EMU train?

From Sir Roy Denman

Sir, It looks as if Britain will accept the so-called Delors compromise on economic and monetary union by the end of this year. This is an ingenious way to satisfy everyone except the diehards.

But from 1992 the European Community will still be divided. British concerns will remain. The majority of members will have accepted progress to a single currency within a few years — a decision as momentous as that of the Six in 1957, when they agreed to form a customs union and to accept the aim of an "ever closer union among the peoples of Europe".

They will from time to time have deafening arguments among themselves. But the arguments will be about "how" and "when". Britain and perhaps one or two of the smaller members will form a rump. They will be arguing about "whether". Both groups will be on the same train. But the rump will be travelling second class.

As the Eurotrain enters station after station, the world's attention will be on the first-class coach, which is where the action will be, and over which those in the second class will have little control. That is the price which the young in Britain will be paying for the reluctance over the years of their elders to involve themselves in the unification of Europe.

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June 12.

From Mrs Margaret Daly, MEP for Somerset and Dorset West (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, The tactics of Conservative opponents to European monetary union are surprising because, in essence, they are breaking the golden political rule of never saying "never". Mrs Thatcher effectively broke this rule and paid the penalty, and EMU opponents and Eurosceptics should heed this lesson.

At this early stage, no one can foretell what final shape EMU will take. Assuming that the perceived degree of necessary economic convergence can be achieved among 12 widely disparate economies, certain clear convenience and exchange advantages will accrue to those who opt for a common currency. At that time, the package available will either be advantageous, disadvantageous or neutral for Britain, as it will be, in different degrees, for 11 other member states.

Then will be the time for Britain to decide: but on the merits of the case, not on the basis of misconceived threats to a phoney sovereignty, which has not existed for much of this century and will not be a true option anyway. "No" may indeed be the decision which the British government reaches. John Major has preserved that option.

A number of proposals are now on the table. More may follow as national advantage is calculated and negotiating synergy develops. It is unlikely that any member state has declared its full hand yet. The British team must be allowed full freedom to preserve all their options at this juncture.

Yours faithfully,
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Aisholt, Spaxton,
Bridgwater, Somerset.

From Mr Hugh Dykes, MP for Harrow East (Conservative)

Sir, Once again the quite irrational anxieties of the small number of anti-Europeans in Parliament and outside are shown in the comments from my colleague, Tony Favell, MP (June 12).

There is no question of the current inter-governmental negotiations on European monetary and political union producing the surrender of the seat of government from Westminster to some kind of Euro-superstate in Brussels. No one, but no one, has even suggested it!

It is impossible to imagine that other proud countries would equally support the seat of government leaving Paris, or Bonn/Berlin, or Rome or The Hague.

European union, long since envisaged in the treaties which we solemnly and freely signed, means just that: an ever-closer union of the peoples of Europe as self-confident powers pooling certain, but not all, common activities for the good of all. There have been many examples of monetary union in history which have not at all reduced a nation's choice and discretion on any *compulsory* basis.

I do hope Tony Favell and others will sleep calmly at night. There is no conspiracy planned.

I am, etc,
HUGH DYKES (Chairman,
The European Movement),
House of Commons.

From the Editor of New European

Sir, There is nothing wrong with the Delors compromise unless the other 11 use it to develop monetary union in such a way as to disadvantage Britain and thus *force* her in later.

The Centre for Economic Policy Research — a research institution working in close collaboration with the EC — in a recent study by a group of leading economists, *Monitoring European Integration*, suggested what the European Community might look like at the beginning of the next century:

Around the year 2000, say, a possible constellation of countries in an enlarged Community could have as its core Austria, Benelux, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Portugal and Spain joined in an economic and monetary union. There might then be a second circle of full Community member countries, consisting of the five Nordic countries, Cyprus, Greece, Malta and the UK, which would participate fully in all aspects of the 1992 programme's four freedoms. Finally, an outer circle might be established of countries with close access to the inner circles.

If this turns out to be the case, we will then know that the compromise of Jacques Delors was not a trick and that John Major meant what he said about his "unchanged" Europolicies.

Yours faithfully,
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June 13.

Two sides of case for coexistence

From Mr Rod Pounsett

Sir, Boris Yeltsin's election to the presidency of the Russian Federation must be the signal for western governments, including the United Kingdom, to add to their policies of "preaching and teaching" and begin giving. Only a major aid package from the West, to finance the more rapid transition to a market economy, can save the Soviet Union from an internal political battle which could not only leave the majority of the 15 republics in economic ruin but also present a real threat to international stability.

With Yeltsin promising just the sort of programme the West seems to be asking for it will be tempting, but gravely mistaken, for the leaders of the world's most powerful economic nations to ignore Gorbachev's pleas and simply freeze assistance until they see what happens in the Russian Federation under Yeltsin's presidency. Conditional help should be given *now* unless the West wishes to see the forces in the Soviet Union opposed to reform gloating over a Gorbachev-Yeltsin confrontation that could end with the old-style hardliners sweeping back to power.

Such are the predicaments of both Gorbachev and Yeltsin that the West cannot help one without the other: the charismatic Yeltsin is full of promises but has few resources to implement his policies; Gorbachev lacks the confidence to break ties with the old guard at the centre because he has lost public support and lacks resources to win it back.

By constructing a conditional aid package for the Soviet Union, the West can assist both leaders, while at the same time giving the whole process of transition to a market economy a timely push. For the time being it is essential that both survive.

Whatever the cost of financial support now, it would be far less than the bill the West would face if there were a total collapse of the Soviet economy.

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June 13.

From Mr Brian Crozier

Sir, It would be wrong to suppose that Lenin must be turning in his grave at the sight of President Gorbachev getting lessons from Harvard in how to bring capitalism to the Soviet Union (report, June 5), dropping the second S from the USSR, and wheedling an invitation to the Group of Seven summit.

Quite wrong. To do all that while the troops are out in Vilnius and the disinformers are at work on last January's bloody intervention (and while accepting a Nobel peace prize in Oslo) is in the purest Leninist tradition.

Lenin may or may not have said that the capitalists would provide the rope with which to hang them. But he did say (in his memorandum to foreign commissar Chicherin) that the capitalist "deaf-mutes" would give the communists the credits needed, and work hard to "prepare their own suicide".

Is Gorbachev, nevertheless, edging away from his acknowledged god? On Lenin's anniversary last year, Gorbachev delivered the traditional speech, declaring that the master, if he were still alive, would have approved of perestroika. This year, on April 22, Gorbachev was present in the Bolshoi theatre, alongside his comrades, but merely as a listener while his party deputy, Vladimir Ivashko, delivered the oration.

But this, too, could be presented as a Leninist deception. The current party programme calls for a market economy under central control: the perfect oxymoron.

The billions the West may be coaxed into giving the Soviet Union will, if granted, keep Lenin's party in power a little longer. Is this really what the West wants? The reward for decades of tyranny and mismanagement, the prize for the system that installed Mengistu in Ethiopia, Najibullah in Afghanistan, Castro in Cuba?

It is sad for an admirer of Mrs Thatcher to read her recent speech in Moscow in praise of the man she could do business with (report, May 28).

The West's generosity is misplaced. The logic of perpetuating communist misrule is baffling, for it merely feeds the current policy of parasitical coexistence while expenditure on armaments continues and the KGB remains intact. The world would be a safer place if the West stood aside and allowed the system to collapse.

Yours very truly,
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June 7.

Child benefits

From Mr Nicholas Storey

Sir, I refer to the letter (June 4) from the Chief Executive of the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux and others. Is it "just" that legislation should license neglectful, absentee parents to continue to evade their obligation to support their children — by threatening violence or by offering financial incentives to the custodial parent — at a rate less than prescribed for the purposes of the income support legislation, in return for silence on the identity of the absentee parent?

Likewise, should legislation encourage a parent who claims income support to make a nice, clean break from a partner who has become personally undesirable yet who has the means to lessen the demands made upon the public purse by supporting his or her own children?

We can but guess what the Child Support bill will cost to enact and administer but one cannot help wondering whether the cost could not be better expended on perfectly straightforward measures to shelter the mendicant children and young people who roam our streets and Underground.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS STOREY,
42 Manor Park Road, N2.
June 6.

Berlin's role

From Mr James Clark

Sir, Lord Annan's approval for moving the German seat of government to Berlin (June 11) seems to be meant generously, but his is, not surprisingly, a Western and "Anglo-Saxon" view. I suspect it is out of tune with German perceptions in the 1990s. German public opinion is much more interested in strengthening the European Community than in national distinctiveness. It looks forward to *dissolving* the frontiers within Europe.

Just as Paris strengthens the conception of "France", so if Berlin became the German seat of government it would reinforce the identity of "Germany" against other regions of the European Community. This is perhaps the Germans' greatest, and last, chance to make a stand against the slide towards nationalism in Europe.

Reunited Berlin is a major European city — certainly the East's best dowry to the West. Let the Germans offer a permanent home there to some of the institutions of the European Community. Let Berlin flourish as the economic and cultural capital of central and eastern Europe — it has all the advantages (geography, communications, expertise, even its exhilarating air) in order to do so.

Yours faithfully,
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Transport policies

From the Deputy Director of the British Road Federation

Sir, Charlie Kronick of Greenpeace (June 7) argues that the government should reverse the growth in road transport.

Given that demand for transport rises in direct proportion to economic activity and that the use of public transport would have to grow by about 50 per cent of its current level each year simply to contain road traffic at its present volume, Mr Kronick appears to be asking the government to commit the country to perpetual recession.

Yours faithfully,
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Gospel mission

From Lord Orr-Ewing and others

Sir, We are astonished that when Dr Billy Graham recently came to Scotland to proclaim the Christian gospel to hundreds of thousands of people, at a time when the fabric of our society is being eroded, this was deemed worthy of scarcely a mention by the national media.

How can this be in a nation that once took the gospel to the uttermost ends of the earth?

Yours faithfully,
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Surgeon's move

From Mr David M. Hunt and others

Sir, We quite understand that a surgeon with Rolfe Birch's skills might prefer to leave general orthopaedic work at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to concentrate on specialist treatment at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital (report, June 10).

We know of no other resignations to date apart from that of Mr Birch, although one or two of the support staff may choose to follow in the future. Members of the orthopaedic department's nursing and secretarial staff leave from time to time, and those who have left recently have done so for reasons unrelated to this matter.

We are still providing a full general and specialist orthopaedic surgical service to all the patients who need it, with the support of hospital management. We know of no urgent patients being turned away, and indeed, our workload is expanding. We are delighted that Mr Birch will continue to use his considerable skills to treat NHS patients.

Yours faithfully,
D. M. HUNT,
JONATHAN R. JOHNSON,
CLARE L. MARX
(Consultant orthopaedic surgeons),
St Mary's Hospital,
Praed Street, W2.
June 13.

Water shortages

From Mr R. Grant Paton

Sir, Amid the constant concern over water shortages, there appears to be a fallacy. Admittedly water is consumed in increasingly large quantities, but surely the world enjoys a closed system. Certainly human consumption of water is quickly returned whence it came. Where therefore does all our water go?

I am, yours faithfully,
R. GRANT PATON,
Odell Cottage,
Queens Lane,
Eynham, Oxford.

Wind indicator

From Mr Archie Atkinson

Sir, There are no confusing signals from weather vanes on the Isle of Man (Mr Davies's letter, June 5). Here the most reliable wind direction indicator is the herring gull perched on a neighbour's ridge tile. He, or she, invariably faces into the wind. Nothing upsets him, or her, more than to have a breeze up the tail.

Yours etc.,
A. K. W. ATKINSON,
8 Scarlett Road,
Castletown, Isle of Man.

Hospital at risk

From Mr James P. S. Thomson and others

Sir, Inner London health districts face considerable problems in discharging their local responsibilities within strict capital limits. The acute difficulties of one, the City and Hackney Health District, threaten the existence of St Mark's Hospital for Diseases of the Rectum and Colon.

St Mark's is the only hospital in the Western world devoted solely to the treatment of patients with intestinal diseases — including bowel cancer and its prevention, colitis, Crohn's disease, intestinal failure, incontinence, and anal diseases. There is no proper training structure in coloproctology in the UK, unlike many other countries; by default St Mark's is alone in providing periods of comprehensive training for those senior registrars who compete for special release from hospitals nationwide.

Its loss as a training centre would seriously affect NHS care in this important field. Consultants in many parts of the UK regularly refer on to St Mark's difficult and intractable cases: these often desperately ill patients constitute 30 per cent of the hospital's case load.

The loss of St Mark's would take with it the research and development which emanate from, and in turn enhance, its own clinical work and that of others. Furthermore, the hundreds of specialists from the UK and around the world who visit yearly to study, and who in return inject their experience into St Mark's, would be surprised, confused and angry at the reasons for its passing.

The fate of institutions such as St Mark's is a matter of major importance for the NHS and must be dealt with at a national level to ensure that this unique hospital and other such centres are saved to continue their work.

Yours etc.,
JAMES P. S. THOMSON (Clinical Director, St Mark's Hospital),
F. AVERY JONES (President, British Digestive Foundation),
BASIL MORSON (Consulting pathologist, St Mark's Hospital),
G. D. OATES (President, The Association of Coloproctology),
LESLEY H. REES (Dean, St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College),
St Mark's Hospital,
City Road, EC1.
June 11.

Shirt syndrome

From Mr Alex G. Finch

Sir, In recent weeks I have detected a sudden and quite extraordinary decline in our order books for men's shirts made up in very boldly striped fabrics.

As the stridently striped shirt has hitherto been an essential ingredient to the image of the Yuppy, might this not be an indication that we are at last "trending" in our social aspiration away from the venal and towards a more caring society?

Yours faithfully,
ALEX G. FINCH (Chairman
and Managing Director),
Hilditch & Key Ltd.,
88 Jermyn Street, SW1.
June 10.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 13: His Excellency Dr Khalifa Mohamed Sulaiman and Mrs Sulaiman were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the United Arab Emirates to the Court of St James's.

Mr Philip Flood (Australian Ambassador at Jakarta) and Mrs Flood were received by The Queen.

The Viscount De L'Isle was received by The Queen and delivered up the Insignia of the Order of the Garter worn by his father, the late Viscount De L'Isle, VC, KG.

The Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick was received in audience by The Queen.

Mrs Finn was also received by Her Majesty.

The Queen was present this evening when The Duke of Edinburgh, Captain General, took the Salute at Beat Retreat by the Royal Marines on Horse Guards Parade.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness travelled in a carriage procession to Horse Guards Parade, escorted by a Captain's Escort of the Household Cavalry, and were received by the Secretary of State for Defence (the Right Hon Tom King, MP), Admiral Sir Michael Livesay (Second Sea Lord) and Lieutenant General Sir Henry Beverley (Commandant General Royal Marines).

The Princess of Wales, The Prince Edward, The Princess Royal, The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Prince and Princess Michael of Kent and Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy were present.

The Lady Susan Hussey, Lieutenant-Colonel Seymour Gilbart-Denham, Major General Brian Pennicott, Wing Commander David Walker, RAF, and Captain Ian Grant, RM, were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor, visited Cambridge University today.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

The Duchess of York today visited Hampshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hampshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott, Bt).

Her Royal Highness this morning opened Bitterne Manor County First and Middle School, Southampton.

The Duchess of York this afternoon visited the Wessex Cancer Trust Offices in Southampton.

Later Her Royal Highness opened the Pam Brown Children's Oncology Ward, Southampton General Hospital.

Mrs Harry Cotterell and Captain Alexander Baillie-Hamilton were in attendance.

The Princess Royal, Member, International Olympic Committee, attended the Ninety-seventh Session of the Committee, at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham.

KENSINGTON PALACE

June 13: The Prince of Wales presented the Royal Fine Art Commission-*Sunday Times* 1991 Building of the Year Award at 7 St James's Square, London SW1.

Mr Peter Westmacott was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Trustee, National Gallery, attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees at the National Gallery, London WC2.

The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, gave a dinner for international members of his Business Leaders Forum.

The Princess of Wales visited the Polytechnic of Wales at Treforest, Pontypridd, Mid-Glamorgan.

Subsequently Her Royal Highness visited the Sony Manufacturing Company (UK) Limited and opened the BC4 project at Bridgend.

Finally the Princess of Wales opened the headquarters of the Glamorgan Mission to the Deaf at Coychurch, Bridgend.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Mid-Glamorgan (Mr Murray McLaggan).

The Hon Mrs Vivian Baring and Squadron Leader David Barton, RAF, were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

June 13: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present at the Grosvenor House Antiques Fair Charity Evening in aid of Help The Hospices and the London Symphony Orchestra.

The Lady Glenconner was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE

June 13: The Duke and Duchess of Kent arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt this afternoon from Portugal.

Mrs Peter Troughton and Commander Roger Walker, RN were in attendance.

Dinners

Speaker

The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill gave a dinner last night in Speaker's House in honour of Dr Anatoly Ivanovich Lukyanov, Chairman of the Supreme Soviet of the Soviet Union, and Mme Lukyanova. The Soviet Ambassador and Mme Zamyatina were also present. The other guests included:

The Hon Mark Lennox-Boyd, MP, Sir Peter Blaker, MP, Mr Harold Walker, MP, Mrs Irene Adams, MP, Mr David Atkinson, MP, Mr David Bellotti, MP, Mr Huw Edwards, MP, Mr George Foulkes, MP, Mr Bruce Grocott, MP, Mr Peter Hain, MP, Mr David Lambie, MP, Mr James Lamond, MP, Mr Gordon McMaster, MP, Dr Marjorie Mowlam, MP, Mr Peter Temple-Morris, MP, Dame Shirley Porter, Sir Clifford Boulton, Mr Nigel Broomfield, Mr Paul Davies, Mrs Elizabeth Gibb-Low, Canon Donald Gray, Mr Vladimir Ivanov, Mr Valentin Kossov, Mr Andrew Nesterenko, Mr Lev Parshin, Mr John Sweetman, Dr Richard Ware, Mr Vadim Zubarev and Mr Peter Kilcatt.

Royal Society

Dr D.N. Payne delivered the annual Clifford Paterson lecture to the Royal Society yesterday evening at 6 Carlton House Terrace. Sir Robert Honeycombe, treasurer, presided at the lecture and at the dinner held afterwards.

Criminal Bar Association

Mr Michael Kalisher, QC, Chairman of the Criminal Bar Association, was host last night at a dinner to celebrate the past chairmanship of Mr Nicholas Purnell, QC, who was the guest of honour. Other guests were:

Mrs Nicholas Purnell, Lord Wigoder, QC, His Honour Judge Lawry, QC, Sir Allan Green, KCMG, QC (Director of Public Prosecutions), Mr E. Michael Hill, QC, Mr David Cocks, QC, Mrs Barbara Mills, QC, and Mr Brian Barker, QC.

Women's Advertising Club of London

Sir Bernard Ingham was the guest speaker at a dinner given last night at the Savoy Hotel by the Women's Advertising Club of London. Miss Pamela Dimmock, president, was in the chair.

RAF Chaplains

The Right Rev Francis Walmsley, Roman Catholic Bishop of the Forces, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the RAF Chaplains branch (Roman Catholic) held last night at Buckden Palace, Cambridgeshire. Mgr Michael Cassidy, principal chaplain, presided.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Michael Bullock, Vicar, Longthorpe (Peterborough): to be Chaplain, Capri Church, Naples with Sorrento and Bari, Italy (Europe).

The Rev Andrew Clements, Precentor of Leicester Cathedral (Leicester); to be Vicar, Market Weighton, and Rector, Goodmanham (York).

The Rev Christopher I Coates, Team Vicar, Howden Team Ministry, with special responsibility for Newport, Gilberdyke and Blacktoft: to be Vicar, Sherburn-in-Elmet with Barkston Ash (York).

The Rev John A Carter, responsible for the pastoral care at Askham Bryan: to be Team Vicar, York All Saints, Pavement with St Crux and St Martin with St Helen and St Denys Team Ministry, with special responsibility for St Helen's (York).

The Rev George C Darvill, Rector, Adel, Leeds: to be also Rural Dean of Headingley (Ripon).

The Rev Graham T Doyle, Priest-in-charge, St Oswald, Bradford (Bradford): to be Chaplain, Bielefeld, Yugoslavia (Europe).

The Rev Brian H Fairbank, Team Vicar, Batley cum Groby (Leicester): to be Royal Navy Chaplain.

The Rev Tony P Harvey, previously served in the Episcopal Church in Canada: to be Chaplain, HM Young Offenders Institution, Deerbolt (Ripon).

The Rev Peter F Langford, Tees-side Industrial Mission Chaplain: to be Vicar, Middlesbrough, St Chad (York).

The Rev John V Mapson, Priest-in-charge, All Saints, Sidmouth: to be also a Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral (Exeter).

The Rev Philip A Need, Priest-in-charge, Chaddesden, St Philip (Derby): to be Chaplain to the Bishop of Chelmsford.

The Rev Barry A North, Priest-in-charge, Derby St Mark (Derby): to be Rector, Coalbrookdale, Iron-Bridge and Little Wenlock (Hereford).

The Rev Robert M Parsons, Vicar, Swadlincote: to be Rector, Elvaston and Egginton (Derby).

The Rev Samuel Philpott, Vicar, St Peter, Plymouth: to be also a Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral (Exeter).

The Right Rev Derek A Rawcliffe, retired Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway: to be Assistant Bishop (Ripon).

The Rev John F Richards, Vicar, Plympton, St Mary: to be also a Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral (Exeter).

The Rev John R Sansom, Team Vicar, Huntingdon Team Ministry: to be Rector, Sawtry (Ely).

The Rev Brian A Sharsby, Vicar, St Mary, Eartham (Norwich): to be Rector, Murston with Bapchild and Tonge (Canterbury).

The Rev Philip J Sourbut, Curate, Rosyth Christ Church, and Harrow St Peter (Lowdon): to be Priest-in-charge, Bath St Saviour (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Norman W Steel, Curate, South Woodham Ferrers (Chelmsford): to be Rector, Woolavington with Cossington and Bawdrip (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Paul N Such, Vicar, Rugeley Team Ministry: to be Rector, Longdon (Lichfield).

The Rev Nicholas A Turner, Vicar, Richmond Hill, Leeds (Ripon): to be Vicar, Ascension Island (St Helena).

The Rev Gavin T Wakefield, Priest-in-charge, Swallownest (Sheffield): to be Team Vicar, Billericay Team Ministry (Chelmsford).

The Rev Paul Waters, Assistant Curate, St Paul, Tottenham: to be Assistant Curate, Holy Trinity, Stroud Green (London).

The Rev Stephen Waters, Team Vicar, Ellesmere Port: to be Priest-in-charge, St John the Baptist, Crewe (Chester).

The Rev John F Wilson, Chaplain to the Divine Healing Mission, Crowhurst (Chichester): to be Vicar, Terrington St Clement (Ely).

The Rev Nicholas M Wright, Curate, Rotherham (Sheffield): to be Team Vicar, Worcester, Holy Trinity and St Matthew, Rainbow Hill: within the Worcester South East Team Ministry (Worcester).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Rolf J Harding, Vicar, Cooperasle (Chelmsford): to retire as from 4 November.

The Rev William H Prudom, Rector, Spennithorne with Finghall and Hauxwell (Ripon): to retire as from 31 October.

The Rev Dennis F Staveley, Rector, Great and Little Hallingbury (Chelmsford): to retire as from 14 July.

Scottish Episcopal Church

The Rev Humphrey Lopdell-Bradshaw, Rector, St Marnan's Aberchirder: Christ Church, Huntly and Holy Trinity, Keith (Moray Ross and Caithness): to Canon of St Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness (Moray Ross and Caithness).

The Rev Stephen J Hotchen, Team Vicar, Downley, High Wycombe: to be Rector, St James, Dingwall with St Anne's, Strathpeffer. (Moray Ross and Caithness).

The Very Rev Alan Avery Horsley, Provost of St Andrew's Cathedral, Inverness (Moray Ross and Caithness): to be Vicar, Mill End (St Albans).

The Rev Canon Donald Nicholson, to be extra Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Moray.

The Very Rev Donald Howard, Provost of St Andrew's Cathedral, Aberdeen and Priest in Charge, St Ninian's, Seaton, Aberdeen, to retire as from August 31.

Eric Heffer

A service of thanksgiving for Eric Heffer, MP, will be held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, on Wednesday, July 10, 1991, at noon. Those wishing to attend should apply for tickets, enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope, to The Rector's Secretary, Room 10, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, SW1P 3PA.

Service reception

HQ AFCENT

Air Chief Marshal Sir Anthony Skingsley, Deputy Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces Central Europe, and members of the British community held a reception, parade and flypast yesterday at HQ Allied Forces Central Europe, Brunssum, The Netherlands, to mark The Queen's official birthday.

OBITUARIES

MAURICE and KATIA KRAFFT

Maurice and Katia Krafft, vulcanologists, died on June 3 aged 45 and 49 respectively. He was born on March 25, 1946, she on April 17, 1942.





THE French couple, Katia Krafft and her husband, Maurice, who devoted their professional lives to promoting understanding of volcanoes through photographs and films, met their deaths in the pyroclastic flow eruptions of Mount Unzen in Japan. Ironically, Maurice was shooting a film to demonstrate the danger of these flows.

Making decisions to evacuate populations which are understandably reluctant to leave their homes from the vicinity of volcanoes which erupt with pyroclastic flows has always been problematical for governments. Maurice Krafft wanted to illuminate the problem not with cold scientific explanation and statistics, but with film which would show how terrifyingly fast pyroclastic flows can move, in contrast with the sluggishness of the lava flows with which the general public is more familiar. Pyroclastic flows, unpredictable in nature, result from gas pressure which has built up over a dormant period lasting perhaps several hundred years. The volcano explodes, spewing out pulverised incandescent lava and hot gases in billowing clouds travelling at up to 200 kilometres an hour.

Maurice and Katia Krafft lived in a state of permanent readiness to leave for any region of the world where a volcano might become active. When they were going particularly close to an eruption they wore specially designed protective clothing to reflect the heat from their bodies. They had had an earlier escape while filming the volcano Augustine in Alaska a few years ago when the spot on which they had been standing was engulfed only a few minutes after they had taken off by helicopter.

Their photographic records provided a unique addition to world understanding of volcanoes as well as giving a graphic visual account of the power of the primeval forces at work in volcanic eruptions. The Kraffts had made a film survey of all the world's active volcanoes over three decades. They also collected material – books, paintings, prints and any other representation of volcanoes in action – thereby assembling perhaps the world's most comprehensive volcano archive. Their house in Alsace was crammed to overflowing with paintings, specimens and photographs and they were planning to acquire a neighbouring property to house their ever expanding collection.

Graduates from the University of Strasbourg, the couple were authors of 20 or more books published in the French-speaking world, all lavishly illustrated with Katia's own photos. It was a sadness for them that the English-speaking publishing world seemed reluctant to take their material.

A large proportion of film of active volcanoes seen on television was shot by Maurice Krafft. An extensive library of his film is deposited with the BBC natural history unit at Bristol. Much of this footage has the terrifying quality which resulted from the risks he took in getting as close as possible to dangerous eruptions. Neither of them were under any illusion that their work was a high risk business.

At the time of his death Maurice Krafft was working on a museum, a "volcano experience" – a project which promised an experience akin to something out of of Jules Verne – in which a visitor would descend into the volcano of the Puy de Dôme in the Massif Central. His sketches for the project depict an exhibition chamber carved out of the mountain, in which a chair-lift would carry visitors over a representation of active lava flows from an erupting volcano, using his film of volcanoes to engender a gripping sense of reality.

Maurice Krafft was a man huge in stature and personality with a voice to match; Katia, by contrast, was elfin-like. Both were exceptional photographers. One of their feats was to be the first to film extraordinary lava from a volcano, Ol Doinyo Lengai in Tanzania, which although of low temperature flows like water. On another occasion, off the island of Réunion in the Indian Ocean, Maurice filmed spectacular footage of lava travelling on the seabed.

Both had been awarded the Prix de l'exploration. Given the risks they ran to bring their subject to life, both were very aware that each photographic mission might be their last.

FRANZ SCHAFRANEK

Franz Schafranek, founder of the English Theatre in Vienna, died on June 4 of a heart attack aged 61. He was born in Bohemia on February 6, 1930.



VIENNA has long prided itself on being an international city, but even so the English Theatre there occupies a special position. It was founded in 1963 by Professor Franz Schafranek and his wife, the American actress Ruth Brinkmann. The beginnings were quite modest but they quickly capitalised on their success in presenting plays written in English and performed by an English-speaking cast.

By 1974 the English Theatre had moved from a basement to much grander premises in the Josefgasse, where the turn of the century auditorium had a painted ceiling and the obligatory Viennese chandelier. There it remains and it was to this house that Franz Schafranek enticed a regular procession of international stars.

The opening production was the European premiere of Terence Rattigan's *In Praise of Love*. Two years later Schafranek directed a world premiere: Tennessee Williams's *The Red Devil Battery Sign*. This brought the English Theatre to the attention of an audience much wider than the local Viennese one. Dame Anna Neagle arrived in 1978 in Noël Coward's *Relative Values* and, boosted by her screen reputation, the production was a notable success. Schafranek recognised the value of cinema stardom: Joan Fontaine came to play in *The Lion in Winter* and Princess Grace of Monaco in *Evocations*, an evening of poetry and prose. The Irish actress Siobhan McKenna appeared in two productions, one of which was Sean O'Casey's early play *Shadow of a Gunman*.

Franz Schafranek studied in Vienna. His theatrical apprenticeship was both wide and international. He attended the Max Reinhardt School and then in Stockholm worked for Ingmar Bergman. In East Berlin, as it then was, he spent a season at the Theater am Schiffbauerdamm with Bertolt Brecht and the Berliner Ensemble. During the 1960s he was with Austrian television as a drama director and programme consultant.

His work in furthering the cause of international theatre was recognised by a number of decorations and honours. These included an honorary OBE in 1979. In 1986 the French Ministry of Culture appointed him Officier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres.

Franz Schafranek's directorial debut in America came in 1982 with *The World of Ruth Draper*, which starred his wife Ruth Brinkmann. His final production, which opened a few days before he died, in Vienna at the English Theatre was *Love Letters* with the *Dallas* team of Larry Hagman and Linda Gray.

MIN-CHUEH CHANG

Min-Chueh Chang, a co-developer of the birth control pill, died in Worcester, Massachusetts, on June 5 aged 82. He was born in China on October 10, 1908.

FEW inventions have had as great an effect on human behaviour as the birth control pill, developed during the 1950s at the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology in Massachusetts. Three names are associated with it: Gregory Pincus, John Rock, and Min-Chueh Chang. Like many pioneers Chang later regretted his discovery's unintended effects. The contraceptive pill, developed mainly in an attempt to stem the world-wide population explosion, had, he said, "rather spoiled young people. It's made them more permissive. But people will abuse anything."

Min-Chueh Chang was born at Taiyuan in the Shansi province of China and studied at Tsing Hua university, Peking, where he took his BSc in 1933. He then came to Britain where he spent four years researching in plant breeding at Cambridge. In 1945 he went to the United States, joining the Worcester Foundation, where he was to spend the decisive years of his career. From 1951 he was on the staff of Boston University.

At the Worcester Foundation with Gregory Pincus he studied the action of the female hormone progesterone and its role in preparing the walls of the womb for the implantation of a fertilised egg. After examining more than 200 substances, they found three natural steroids extracted from the roots of the wild Mexican yam which appeared to prevent ovulation in animals. Joining forces with John Rock of the Rock Reproduction Clinic in Brookline, Massachusetts, they began experiments with the steroids in pill form on groups of women in Brookline, Haiti and Puerto Rico.

The trials were successful to begin with but then chemists devised a purer form of the steroids by removing impurities and things began to go wrong. Some women suffered from breakthrough bleeding and there were some pregnancies. Quickly it was realised that the "impurity" that had been removed, oestrogen, was essential for the proper functioning of the pill. When it was put back in, the combined pill, oestrogen and progesterone, proved highly effective.

In 1960 it was licensed by the Food and Drug Administration. At the beginning, doubts about long-term effects led to the recommendation that the pill should not be prescribed for more than two years at a time. Enthusiasm for such a simple and reversible method of contraception soon swept away the doubts, however, and women adopted the pill more rapidly than had been expected.

When it is used properly the failure rate is extraordinarily low – about two pregnancies per 1,000 users per year, far less than any other contraceptive method. The safety of the modern contraceptive pill is also very high, at 1.3 deaths



a year for every 100,000 users, which is six times safer than having a baby.

The pill contributed to – some might say actually caused – the revolution in sexual behaviour during the 1960s, but has had little discernible effect on the growth of the world's population. Chang himself asserted that the pill had made possible two major sociological changes: the liberation of women and the separation of sex from child-bearing.

Chang also did pioneering work on *in vitro* fertilisation, demonstrating techniques with rabbits that were later used to enable infertile couples to have babies. He became an American citizen in 1952.

Chang leaves a widow, Isabelle, a son and two daughters.

JEAN LANGLAIS

Dr G. H. Guest writes:

WHILST Jean Langlais's contribution to the literature of the organ is rightly emphasised (obituary April 30), it is perhaps appropriate also to recognise the importance of his choral music. His four masses, his numerous motets and the exquisite group of six pieces under the title of *Corpus Christi* were all written at a time when such works were tending to be performed rather more in the Anglican Church than in the church for which they were undoubtedly, in the first place, intended. They enjoy a growing popularity.

Langlais visited Cambridge in 1983, heard his *Messe Solennelle* sung by the choir of St John's College, gave a masterly organ recital that evening (including a superbly improvised symphony), and subsequently presented to the college a most thrilling setting of Psalm 112 for chorus and organ.

Marriages

Mr J.W. Baring and Mrs A.P. Clarke

The marriage took place on April 26, 1991, of Mr James Windham Baring, only son of Mr and Mrs Robin Baring, of West Malling, Kent, to Mrs Angela Clarke, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Halstead, of Cranmer Court, London.

The bride was attended by her two children, Venetia and Freddie. Mr Ivor Dickinson was best man.

Mr D.H. Pitcher and Miss N.B. Niven

The marriage took place on Saturday, June 1, at Cromlix House Chapel, Kinbuck, Dunblane, of Desmond Henry Pitcher to Norma Barbara Niven.

Mr C.H.O. St John and Miss E.C.S. Moore

The marriage took place on Saturday, June 8, 1991, in Hereford Cathedral, of Mr Charles St John, son of Mr and Mrs Oliver St John, of Spittal, Biggar, Lanarkshire, and Miss Emma Moore, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Moore, of Shucknall Court, Hereford. The Rev William Elliott, the Ven Andrew Woodhouse, Archdeacon of Hereford, and the Rev John Hoskyns officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Alice Moore, Polly Sewell, Anita Parsons and Elizabeth Parsons. Mr Simon Biggart was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Mr R.D.O. Stark and Miss E.M. Rudd

The marriage took place on June 8, at St John the Baptist Church, Cookham Dean, Berkshire, between Mr Richard Stark, only son of Mr and Mrs David Stark, and Miss Elizabeth Rudd, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Rudd. The Rev Bernard Soltau officiated.

The bride was attended by Danielle and James Fitzgerald, Paris and Emma Wells. Mr Hugo Merison was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride.

Royal Society of Medicine

The following have been elected to honorary fellowship of the Royal Society of Medicine: Sir Christopher Booth, Mr Howard G. Hanley, Sir Donald Harrison, Professor Barrie R. Jones, Professor Jeremy Morris, Dr P. A. B. Raffle.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr I.K. Adam and Miss A.J.S. Wooller

The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs A.S. Adam, of Hingham, Norfolk, and Andrea, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.S. Wooller, of Hassocks, West Sussex.

Mr G.E. Budd and Miss S.L. Bennett

The engagement is announced between Gavin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P. Budd, of Ewenny, Mid Glamorgan, and Samantha, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Rees, of Pentyrch, near Cardiff.

Mr J.E. Funnell and Miss H.G. Marten

The engagement is announced between John, son of the late Mr A. Funnell and of Mrs G. Funnell, of Mudeford, Dorset, and Heather, daughter of Mr M.B. Marten, of New York, NY, and Mrs G. Bunting, of Highcliffe, Dorset.

Mr G.P. Gerretsen and Miss N.S. Theobald

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs C.P. Gerretsen, of Rotterdam, The Netherlands, and Nicola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D.P. Theobald, of Cobham, Surrey.

Mr S.C. Jozwiak and Miss S.J. Gilchrist

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Stas Jozwiak, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Samantha, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Gilchrist, of Partridge Green, West Sussex.

Mr I.C. Laing and Miss L.E. Best

The engagement is announced between Ian, son of the late Dr John Wannan Laing and of Mrs Jean de Beer, of London, and Louise, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Best, of Hertfordshire.

Mr A.R.J. Lewthwaite and Miss L.M. Morgan

The engagement is announced between Adrian, younger son of Brigadier and Mrs C.J. Lewthwaite, of Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, and Lucy Mary, daughter of Commander and Mrs J.M.W. Morgan, of Aston Tirrold, Oxfordshire.

Mr B.F. Lynch and Miss L.A. Kent

The engagement is announced between Bryan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.P. Lynch, of Cork, and Linda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs B.H. Kent, of Surbiton, Surrey.

Mr A.C.R. Marsden and Miss J.L. Thomas

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs G. Marsden, of Hatfield, Yorkshire, and Joanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.C. Thomas, of Ville d'Avray, Paris.

Dr A.J. Phillips and Miss C.E. James

The engagement is announced between Alan, second son of Mr and Mrs Roger Phillips, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and Clare, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey James, of Upminster, Essex.

Mr F. Richards and Miss C.M. Moran

The engagement is announced between Francis, elder son of Mrs Marjorie Richards and the late Bernard Richards, of Addison Avenue, Holland Park, London, and Catherine, elder daughter of Mrs Margaret Moran and the late Joseph Moran, of Wimbledon, London.

Mr K.R. Van Horn and Miss J. Sundby

The engagement is announced between Karl, elder son of the late Dr and Mrs K.R. Van Horn, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Joanne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Sundby, of Witney, Oxfordshire.

Mr G.P. Walker and Miss S.A.B. Gear

The engagement is announced between George, son of Mr and Mrs James Walker, of Rose Farm, Longwick, Buckinghamshire, and Susie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Gear, of Sam Scott's, Sheepscombe, Gloucestershire.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will attend the judging of the Prince Philip prize for the Designer of the Year at the Design Council, Haymarket, at 11.00.

The Duke of York, as Patron of Fight for Sight, will attend a recital by the Allegri String Quartet in the Queen Elizabeth Hall at 7.35 to raise funds for a new Institute of Ophthalmology next to Moorfields Eye Hospital.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of Yorkshire County Cricket Club, will attend a Yorkshire v Kent match at Harrogate at 12.10.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles-Auguste de Coulomb, physicist, Angoulême, France, 1736; Harriet Beecher Stowe, novelist, Litchfield, Connecticut, 1811; John McCormack, tenor, Athlone, 1884.

DEATHS: Giacomo Leopardi, poet, Naples, 1837; Edward Fitzgerald, translator of *The Rábaiyát of Omar Khayyam*, Merton, Norfolk, 1883; Aleksandr Ostrovsky, dramatist, Shchelykova, Russia, 1886; Jerome K. Jerome, author of *Three Men in a Boat*, Northampton, 1927; Emmeline Pankhurst, suffragette, London, 1928; Gilbert Keith Chesterton, writer, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, 1936; Maksim Gorky, writer, Gorky, Russia, 1936; John Logie Baird, pioneer of television, Bexhill, Sussex, 1946; Jorge Luis Borges, Argentine writer, 1986.

German troops entered Paris, 1940.

Luncheons

HM Government

The Hon Alan Clark, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, was host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of the Malaysian Minister of Defence.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

Sir Idris Pearce, President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, yesterday entertained at luncheon at 12 Great George Street Mr John Wakeham, Secretary of State for Energy.

Distillers' Company

Mr J.M. Broadbent, Master of the Distillers' Company, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at Vintners' Hall after Mr Donald S. Macdonald, Canadian High Commissioner, was admitted as an honorary liveryman. Mr J.A. Ostick, Master of the Tobacco Pipe Makers' and Tobacco Blenders' Company, and Mr Ian Lauder also spoke.

Royal College of Physicians

The Royal College of Physicians of London has admitted the following fellows:

Honorary fellows: Sir David Attenborough, FRS, broadcaster; Sir David Phillips, FRS, Advisory Board for the Research Councils; Sir Richard Southwood, FRS, vice-chancellor of Oxford University.

Under special bye-law: Dr George Cahalan, Harvard University; Dr John Chalmers, Royal Australasian College of Physicians; Dr Povl Riis, Herlev University, Denmark; Dr Francisco Vilardell, Barcelona University.

Royal Marines Beating Retreat

The Queen was present yesterday at the ceremony of Beating Retreat by the Massed Bands of the Royal Marines on Horse Guards Parade. The Duke of Edinburgh, Captain General, Royal Marines, took the salute at the ceremony.

Also present were the Princess of Wales, Prince Edward, the Princess Royal, Princess Margaret, Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, Princess Alexandra and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy.

Following the ceremony the Commandant General Royal Marines, Lieutenant-General Sir Henry Beverley, and officers of the Royal Marines held a reception at the Durbar Court of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, King Charles Street. The Duke of Edinburgh, Captain General Royal Marines, and the Secretary of State for Defence and Mrs Tom King were present. Other guests included:

The Earl and Countess of Airlie, the Earl and Countess of Arran, the Minister of State for the Armed Forces and Mrs Archie Hamilton, the Minister of State for Defence Procurement and Mrs Alan Clark, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence Procurement and Mrs Kenneth Carlisle, the Right Hon Paddy Ashdown and Mrs Ashdown, Sir Michael and Lady Quinlan, Admiral Sir Michael and Lady Livesay, Admiral Sir Peter and Lady Herbert, Admiral Sir Jock and Lady Slater, Admiral Sir Anthony and Lady Morton, General Sir John and Lady Waters, Vice-Admiral Sir Kenneth and Lady Eaton, Vice-Admiral the Hon Nicholas Hill-Norton and Mrs Hill-Norton, Vice-Admiral and Mrs Ned Purvis, Vice-Admiral Edward Ashmore, USN, Lieutenant-General Sir Edward and Lady Jones, Lieutenant-General Sir Michael and Lady Wilkes, Lieutenant-General Sir Garry and Lady Johnson.

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Royal Fine Art Commission

The Prince of Wales presented the award to the winner of the Royal Fine Art Commission - *Sunday Times* 1991 Building of the Year Award on Thursday, June 13, at 7 St James's Square. He was received by Lord St John of Fawsley, Chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission, and Mr Andrew Neil, Editor of *The Sunday Times*, and was present at a reception afterwards.

Lady Catherine Amery

A memorial service for Lady Catherine Amery will be held at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, on Tuesday, July 16, 1991, at noon.

University news

Oxford

Award

Isaiah Berlin Fund scholarship 1991-1992: Mr Blake Gopnik, Wolfson College.

Birthdays today

Rear-Admiral Sir David Allen, 58; Dr Sir James Black, pharmacologist, 67; Dr Rupert Bruce-Mitford, archaeologist, 77; Dame Florence Cayford, former member, LCC and GLC, 94; Miss Steffi Graf, tennis player, 22; Mrs Edna Healey, writer, 73; Mr Justice Higgins, 64; Mr Burl Ives, actor and singer, 82; Mr David LeRoy-Lewis, former chairman, Henry Ansbacher Holdings, 73; Air Marshal Sir Arthur McDonald, 88; Sir Gerrard Peat, chartered accountant, 71; Mr Jonathan Raban, novelist, 49; Lord Rootes, 74; Dame Rosemary Rue, president, BMA, 63; Mr Sam Wanamaker, actor, director and producer, 72; Mr Mike Yarwood, impressionist, 50.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr John Mortimer, QC, to be President of the Howard League for Penal Reform, in succession to Sir Henry Fisher, who will be retiring in November.

Mr Paul Brough to be Master of the Music at Sheffield Cathedral, from September 1.

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ASQUITH - On May 31st, to Clare and Raymond, a daughter. Isabel Anne.

COOKE-YARBOROUGH - On June 11th, to Joanna and Anthony, a son. George Edmund.

CULLINGWORTH - On June 8th, to Julie (née Smith) and Simon, a daughter, Pippa Rose, a sister for Phoebe.

CURTIS-WARD - On June 12th 1991, at The Wellington Hospital, London, to Lucy and Sean, a most beautiful daughter, Claire Elizabeth.

DIXON - On June 9th, to Wendy (née Harding) and Peter, a son, Jonathon Balhatyne, a brother for Sarah and Joanna.

FIRTH - On June 11th, to Rachel and Ian, a son, Benjamin Thomas, a brother for Emily and Alice.

HADMAR - On June 3rd, to Caroline (née Burnett) and William, a daughter, Grace Matilda, a sister for Robert, Jasper and William.

JONES - On June 11th 1991, at Frimley, Surrey, to Sarah (née Busby) and Frank, a son, Edward William, a brother for Emily May.

KELLY - On June 11th, to Caroline (née Wigin) and Robert, a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth.

LOXDALE - On June 11th in Swansea, to Judy (née John) and James, a splendid son, Cameron James.

MAHON - On June 8th 1991, in Penticton, British Columbia, Canada, to Antonia (née Huxtable) and Albert, a son.

MONK - On June 9th 1991, in Sydney, to Lindy and Peter, a son, Hunter McDougal.

MONRO - On May 30th, to Caroline and Duncan, a daughter, Georgie.

NEAL - On June 12th, at The Hillingdon Hospital, to Chris and Karen, a son, Elliot Christy.

ONSLOW-COLE - see Thomas.

RICHARDS - On June 8th, to Anne (née McCabe) and Gavin, a daughter, Georgina Helena Chisholm.

RICHARDSON - On June 11th, to Sophie (née Cripps) and Hugo, a daughter, Celia Jane.

THOMAS - On June 11th, to Julia (née Onslow-Cole) and Neil, a daughter, Lucy Henrietta, sister for Camilla.

WALLIS - On June 13th, at Princess Alexandra's RAF Hospital, Wroughton, to Elizabeth (née Kershaw) and John, a daughter, Lucy Alexandra Elizabeth, a sister for James and Victoria.

WATKINS - On June 13th, to Tessa and Matthew, a daughter, Victoria Frances, a sister for Joseph.

WIGIN - see Kelly.

MARRIAGES

ASHLEY:TRENEMAN - The marriage took place in Wiltshire, on May 25th, between Miles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Neil Ashley and Judith, youngest daughter of Col. and Mrs R.H.W. Treneman.

LANE:KOUMI - On June 8th in London, James, younger son of Mr & Mrs Christopher Lane, of Newick, Sussex, to Katerine, daughter of Mr & Mrs Nicholas Koumi, of Muswell Hill, London.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

CARROLL:WOLFENDEN - On June 14th 1941 at Holy Trinity Church, Formby, William Sydney to Kathleen Edith. Now at Weybridge, Surrey.

PLUMMER:BRISTOW. On June 14th 1941, Leslie to Joan. Now living in Islip, Oxon.

DEATHS

ASHBY - On June 12th, peacefully in Winchester, Morris Scott. Dear husband of Frances and father of Gillian, James and Rosemary, grandfather of Alise, Annabel, Lucinda, Julian and Miranda. Funeral Service at The Chapel of St Cross, Winchester, on Tuesday June 18th at 11 am. Family flowers only, but any donations to Help the Aged, c/o Jno. Steel & Son Ltd., 6 Chesil Street, Winchester, SO23 8HU.

ASHBURTON - On June 12th 1991, peacefully at home, Alexander, 6th Baron Ashburton, in his 94th year. Funeral private. Memorial Service to be announced later.

ARONSON - On June 12th 1991, peacefully in hospital, Lawis Adolphus, aged 81. Brother of Vera Taylor, friend of Michael Furniss. Cremation at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton on Tuesday June 18th at 1 pm. Enquiries to Hannfogtons Funeral Directors Ltd., tel: (0275) 778735.

AUCOTT - On June 11th 1991, suddenly whilst playing golf at West Sussex Golf Club, Ian Frank, of West Chiltington and formerly of Hong Kong, beloved husband of Gladys and much loved and devoted father of Jane, father-in-law of Nicolas and grandfather of Harriet and Charles. Funeral Service on Wednesday June 19th at St Mary's Church, West Chiltington at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation, care of H.D. Tribe, 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, Sussex BN14 8HU.

BEREND - On June 11th, peacefully at home, Pamela Diana, adored daughter of Paul and Greta, sister to Anthony and his family Jennie, Nicholas and Louise. Funeral Service at Christchurch, Temple Sheen, East Sheen, SW14, on Thursday June 20th at 11.15 am, followed by burial in Richmond and East Sheen Cemetery. Flowers and enquiries tel: 081 876-4673.

CHITTENDEN - On June 11th 1991, in Wanstead, Micky, much loved by Lisa, Harriet, Henry and Laura. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Wanstead, East London, at 3pm on Wednesday June 19th, followed by cremation at The City of London Crematorium at 3.50 pm. Family flowers only but donations may be made to The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, 41 Eagle Street, London.

COBHAM - On June 12th, peacefully at The Old Vicarage, Moulsford, Eileen Beatrice Capel, wife of Douglas Cobham, mother of Ralph and George, grandmother of Melanie and Hugo. Funeral at St John Baptist, Moulsford, at 2.30 pm on Tuesday June 18th. Enquiries to C.H. Lovegrove Ltd., tel: (0734) 572016.

CRICHTON-MILLER - On June 11th 1991. Bice Bannerman, peacefully at Riverside, Sherborne. For many years housemistress of Wingfield, Sherborne School for girls. Cremation at Yeovil Crematorium, on Tuesday June 18th at 11.30 am. For family and close friends only. No flowers. Memorial Service in Sherborne Abbey on Thursday September 12th 1991 at 12 noon to which all are welcome.

HARRIS - On June 12th, just before his fifth birthday, peacefully at home, Nicholas Peter Lerwill Harris, after a long illness very bravely borne. So dearly loved by his family. No flowers, but donations in his memory to Leukaemia Research, would be appreciated c/o Jno Steel & Son Ltd., Chesil House, Winchester, Hants.

HUGHES - On the morning of Tuesday June 11th, Roger Eryl Maurice Hughes M.C., M.A., the dearest husband of Coral and loving father to Natasha and Peter, suddenly but peacefully. Funeral at Fletching Church, Tuesday June 18th at 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent for Cheshire Regiment Benevolent Fund c/o Coopers and Sons, Rose Cottage, New Town, Uckfield, Sussex. "By Love Religion, I must hear confesse it. The most I love, when I the least expresse it."

JONES - On June 12th, in hospital after a short illness, Alec Leslie, much loved husband of Frieda and father of Rosemary. Funeral Service at St Oswald's Parish Church, Ashbourne, on Tuesday June 18th at 11.15 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to be divided between The Old Trust, Ashbourne and Derbyshire County Cricket Club.

KILNER - On May 30th 1991 in St George's Hospital Tooting, peacefully after illness courageously borne, Ethel Phyllis Eugenie (née Jauncey) in her 88th year, widow of William Joseph Kilner FCA, MBE, and mother of Daphne Phyllis. Funeral at St Mary The Virgin, Church Path, Merton, SW19 on Friday June 21st 1991 at 11.15am. Enquiries and flowers to Fredk W Paine, 25 Crown Lane, Morden SM4 5BL, Tel 081 542 1214.

MacLELLAN - On June 12th 1991, peacefully at Benard Buckleyvie, Stirlingshire, Sir George Robin Petronet MacLellan C.B.E., Hon. F.R.C.P.S. (Glasgow), Hon. F.R.I.A.S., aged 78 years. Loving husband of the late Margaret for 47 years, father of Bruce, grandfather of Lucy and Lara and much loved husband of Jennifer for 3 months. Funeral Service on Tuesday June 18th at Bearsden North Parish Church at 12 noon, there will be a Thanksgiving Service in Glasgow Cathedral on Friday 5th July at 12 noon. Donations in lieu of flowers, if desired, to Tenovus Scotland, 234 St Vincent Street, Glasgow. Crossroads Scotland, 24 George Square, Glasgow. Tak Tent G Block, Glasgow Western Infirmary.

MADOC-JONES - On June 5th, unexpectedly while on holiday in Cavaliere, France, Dawn, PhD, F.Inst.Ph. FIWEM. FCWC. Freeman of The City of London, aged 65 years, husband of Claude and father of Pascal and Didier. Funeral Service at Swindon Crematorium on Tuesday June 18th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations to Royal Brompton and National Heart Hospital, c/o Rowland Bros., tel: (081) 684-1667.

McGUINNESS - On June 5th 1991, at Princess Grace Hospital, peacefully and courageously after a long illness, William (Bill) beloved husband of "Pat" and most loved father of Robin, Rory, Sally, Philippa and William. Family funeral has already taken place.

MORRISON - On June 12th 1991, in a Bognor Regis Nursing Home, Betty, widow of Major D.S. Morrieson and beloved mother of Georgina. Funeral Service at Chichester Crematorium on Wednesday June 19th at 2pm. Flowers may be sent to Kevin Holland Funeral Service, 246 Chichester Road, Bognor Regis, tel: (0243) 868630.

OGDEN - On June 10th, at home, Robert David, aged 61. Dear father of Nicholas, Jeremy, Emma and Benjamin and proud grandfather of Joanna, Alexander and Henry. Funeral enquiries c/o C. Perigoe & Son, Cranbrook (0580) 713636.

PATTERSON - On June 8th, peacefully in a nursing home, formerly of Clarendon Place, London and retired secretary of The Royal Association for Literature, Jennie Mary (Molly) Patterson M.B.E., aged 87 years, much loved widow of Alec, sister of Dudley and mother of Gillian. "They are glad because they are at rest." Funeral Wednesday June 19th, Beckenham Crematorium at 2.30 pm or enquiries to Francis Chappell & Son, tel: (081) 460-1720.

ROSE - On June 11th 1991, peacefully in hospital after a long illness very bravely fought, William Colin Campbell Rose, C.B.E., M.Sc., F.I.M.M., F.G.S., aged 83, of Hatch End, Middlesex. Dearly loved husband of Tierney and much loved father of Andrew and daughter-in-law Rita. Cremation private. No flowers but, if desired, donations in memory of Colin to Michael Sobell House, Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, Middlesex.

SPURGIN - On June 12th, peacefully at his home, The Hills, Llanfarian, Aberystwyth, Basil Layton, former Vicar of the Parishes of Market Drayton and St Mary le Tower, Ipswich and Canon of St Edmondsbury. Loving husband of Norah, Requiem Mass at 10 am at Llanychaearn Parish Church on Monday June 17th, followed by funeral service and interment at 3.30 pm at Wiston Parish Church, Haverfordwest.

STEINTHAL - On June 13th, William Bodo Leopold, of Glenmore House, Richmond Hill, Surrey. Husband of Pauline, father of Tony and Georgina and grandfather of Nathalie. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Petersham, on Wednesday June 19th at 2 pm. Enquiries to T.H. Sanders & Sons, tel: (081) 948-1561.

SUTOR - On June 10th, suddenly at home, Major Herbert Duncan Sutor (Rtd), of Wickham Market, Suffolk. Greatest Rhondda, of Mary, dear father of Martin and grandfather of Alistair and Ian. Funeral Service at Burgh Church, Suffolk, on Monday June 17th at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations for the Suffolk Regiment Old Comrades Association may be sent c/o Singleton & Hastings Funeral Service, Berners Street, Ipswich, IP1 3LW.

STRUNT - On June 11th, peacefully at home, George, father of Gemian. Funeral at All Hallows', Tillington, on Thursday June 20th at 2.30. Family flowers. Donations if wished to All Hallows' Repair Fund or British Legion c/o W. Bryder F/D. tel: (0798) 42174.

TURNER - On June 11th 1991, at Bilton Hall Nursing Home, Harrogate, in his 85th year, James Reginald Benson of Horsforth, Leeds. Dearly beloved husband of the late Marjorie, father of Anthony and Patrick, grandfather of Christopher and Julia and father-in-law of Sheilah. Funeral Service will take place at the Grove Methodist Church, Town Street, Horsforth, Leeds, on Tuesday June 18th at 10.45 am, followed by interment at Horsforth Cemetery (private). Flowers only from near relatives, donations if desired to The Royal British Legion Horsforth Branch (Poppy Fund) c/o National Westminster Bank, 119 New Road Side, Horsforth, Leeds LS18 4QD.

WELLS - On Tuesday June 11th 1991, peacefully at home, Eleanor Wells, widow of Brigadier Gilbert Wells C.B.E., M.C. Funeral at Wytye Parish Church on Thursday June 20th at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Salisbury Hospice Care Trust, c/o Salisbury General Infirmary.

vne EK - On June 11th 1991, peacefully in Ibiza after a long illness, Mark, aged 57 years. A past Chairman of The Garber Group, London, he leaves a widow Mary, a son Arthur and a daughter Dorine. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him and will be long remembered for his kindness, generosity and humour. Funeral will take place in Holland. No flowers, but donations may be sent to The King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, West Sussex DU29 0BL.

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ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

LA GLOIRE DE MON PERE (U): Episodic gallop through Marcel Pagnol's childhood memories — decent, nostalgic, but excessively warm-hearted. Philippe Gaubère; director, Yves Robert.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

A KISS BEFORE DYING (18): Cold, flat version of Ira Levin's novel about a murderous youth (Matt Dillon) ruthlessly pursuing the American dream. With Sean Young; director, James Dearden.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-437 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

STATE OF GRACE (18): Overblown tale of undercover cop Sean Penn on the horns of a dilemma in New York's Hell's Kitchen. Gary Oldman, Ed Harris; director, Phil Joanou.
Cannons: Panton Street (071-930 0631) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

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CITIZEN KANE (U): Welles's enthralling examination of the American dream celebrates its 50th birthday with a new print. Orson Welles, Joseph Cotten.
Plaza (071-437 9699).

LE COP 2 (12): Philippe Noret and a vivid Parisian setting lend some charm to the further adventures of two rogue cops. Director, Claude Zidi.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

♦ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC (U):** Gérard Depardieu masterful as the lovelorn, long-nosed Cyrano; director Jean-Paul Rappeneau.
Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

♦ **DANCES WITH WOLVES (12):** Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant sucked into the Sioux's way of life. Winner of seven Oscars.
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♦ **GUILTY BY SUSPICION (15):** Hollywood witch-hunt tale — muted as drama, but decently acted. Robert De Niro, Annette Bening; director, Irwin Winkler.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE HAIRDRESSER'S HUSBAND (15): A slim tale of romantic obsession, mesmerisingly told by the director of *Monsieur Hire*, Patrice Leconte. Jean Rochefort, Anne Galiena.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) Metro (071-437 0757).

♦ **HAMLET (U):** Mel Gibson as the moody Prince — a decent, lively performance but lacking bold imagination. Director, Franco Zeffirelli.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannon Haymarket (071-839 1527) Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

JULES ET JIM (PG): Truffaut's classic 1962 portrait of a triangular relationship, frisky and tragic by turns. Jeanne Moreau, Oskar Werner, Henri Serre.
Everyman (071-435 1525) Premiere (071-439 4470).

♦ **L.A. STORY (15):** Steve Martin's weatherman finds true love in wacky Los Angeles. Whirlwind fantasy comedy that just misses the mark. With Victoria Tennant; director, Mick Jackson.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ **MISERY (18):** Oscar-winner Kathy Bates as the number one fan tormenting a best-selling novelist (James Caan). Sprightly thriller from Stephen King's novel; director, Rob Reiner
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ROSENCRANTZ & GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD (PG): Tom Stoppard directs his word-spinning play. Attractive visuals, though audience fatigue eventually sets in. Gary Oldman, Tim Roth, Richard Dreyfuss.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

♦ **THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS (18):** Jodie Foster's FBI trainee confronts Anthony Hopkins, evil incarnate. Intense, highly polished, and repellent thriller from director Jonathan Demme.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 6772) Chelsea (071-352 5096) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 5705) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

Dreams aren't made of this

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MUSICAL

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
Palladium



Unchained melodies: David Easter, left, as an Elvis-lookalike Pharoah, and a bewigged Jason Donovan as Joseph

THERE have been times — sitting and listening to roller-skaters sing choo-choo songs, for instance — when I have wondered where, what and who Andrew Lloyd Webber would be without his directors and designers. Imagine *Cats* without Nunn's moggies scurrying over Napier's rubbish tip, or *Evita* without Hal Prince's Argentinian nobs trundling round the stage in a top-hatted phalanx. Imagine *Phantom of the Opera* without Maria Bjornson's twinkling, fog-filled dungeons, or *Starlight Express* — but, no, let's be kind to our imaginations and not think of *Starlight Express* at all.

Yet if there is any Lloyd Webber show that does not need ostentatious production, it is *Joseph*. What made it so refreshing back in 1972, especially after his overblown *Jesus Christ Superstar*, was its freshness, simplicity and gentle charm. But try telling that to this revival's producers, who have a big stage and a bigger auditorium to fill. Their idea of charm was apparent in the foyer, where paparazzi were snapping famous people in their personalised dreamcoats. It became clearer still when a supercharged orchestra launched into a bloated overture, as if preparing for Bruckner or Mahler. Then some 50 kids, dressed for a beach party at Malibu, tumbled onstage to listen to the narrator, Linzi Hateley in a chic trouser suit. A blond-wigged Jason Donovan glided down from the flies; and the evening's tone was irrevocably set.

True, Tim Rice's lyrics still have a nice colloquial bounce, as when Donovan's Joseph reassures Pharoah that "all those things you saw in your pyjamas, are a long-range forecast for your farmers" and advises him to "find a man to lead you through the famine, with a flair for economic planning". Lloyd Webber's music still bustles unpretentiously along, finding time and energy to spoof sentimental American ballads, calypso, Presley rock and, in Joseph's prison-song, perhaps even the soupy melodies that would one day make him famous.

But the director is Steven Pimlott, not one for delicate sounds or effects. The percussion throbs, lights pulsate, big production numbers proliferate. Joseph's prison fills with bopping lovelies who have clearly been shopping in ancient Alexandria's Carnaby Street. David Easter's Pharoah, an Elvis lookalike in Tutankhamun gear, emerges from a vast sphinx with a boy-king's face, to sing at inordinate length to retainers wearing gold snouts and horns. Donovan, a macho Goldilocks, makes a climactic entrance in a primeval batmobile, with lion-heads and wings; and, while the rest of the cast interminably frolic, makes his final bows from a fireman's ladder high over the stalls, trailing rainbow-coloured silk.

So it went, leaving some of us wistfully recalling that the show began in a prep school and found its professional feet at Frank Dunlop's shabby Young Vic. This revised version will doubtless find supporters. But it is a lurid, synthetic *Dreamcoat*, and they should know it.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
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☐ **AUGUSTINE (BIG HYSTERIA):** Freud and his master discrediting tales of rape: Palnes Plough in top form.
Lyric Studio Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 8701). Tues-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4.30pm (not June 15).

■ **BLACK SNOW:** Robin Bailey a sublimely funny Stanislavsky figure in Bulgakov's tart Moscow comedy.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm. 145mins.

☐ **BLUE REMEMBERED HILLS:** Seven adults play children in first-class version of Dennis Potter's taut play
Man in the Moon, 392 King's Road, SW3 (071-351 2876). Tues-Sun, 8.30pm. 90mins.

■ **CARMEN JONES:** Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☐ **COPS:** Bill Bryden's no-holds-barred, no-words-banned staging of police life on the Lower East Side.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

☐ **DANCING AT LUGHNASA:** Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

■ **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT:** Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-437 7373). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **THE KING AND I:** Susan Hampshire returns with David Yip.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue.

☐ **SILLY COW:** Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred on Dawn French.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

☐ **TOP GIRLS:** Caryl Churchill's pungent play revealing the opportunities missed in women's fight for power.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Underground: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 135mins. Final week.

☐ **THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. — THE NEXT GENERATION:** Cult stage version of cult television show performed by two actors wearing spaceship hats.
Mermaid Theatre, Queen Victoria Street, EC4 (071-410 0000). Mon-Thurs, 8.30pm, Fri, Sat, 7.30pm and 9.30pm. 90mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☑ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☑ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ☑ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ■ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ The Rehearsal: Garrick (071-379 6107) . . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ The Rocky Horror Show: Piccadilly (071-867 1116) ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☑ Shirley Valentine: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) ☑ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman In Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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WEEKEND EVENTS

20th-century season with a spectacular revival of the David Pountney production. The characteristics of Shostakovich's opera are potently and accurately performed by a powerful cast and orchestra under the direction of Mark Elder. Josephine Barstow is impeccable as Katerina. Tomorrow: Tim Albery's impressive vision of Britten's Peter Grimes.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161). *Lady Macbeth*, tonight, 7pm; *Grimes*, tomorrow, 7.30pm.

LES CONTES D'HOFFMANN: The Royal Opera revives John Schlesinger's venerable production of the Offenbach opera, based on the stories of E.T.A. Hoffmann. A promising cast is headed by veteran tenor Alfredo Kraus in the title role, and also stars James Morris, better known for his Wagnerian heroes. Jeffrey Tate conducts the first night.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), tomorrow, 7pm.

ROD STEWART: The gravel-voiced singer plays the last of his stadium dates. With Status Quo and Joe Cocker.
Wembley Arena, Wembley, Middlesex (081-900 1234), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

THE TRUE NORTH: With suddenly a plethora of dazzling Post-Impressionist colours bursting on London, notably in the Fauve landscape show at the Royal Academy, one might expect the Canadian versions of the style in *The True North* to look dowdy and provincial. Not at all: the curious combination in early 20th-century Canadian landscape of vibrant Expressionist colour and rapt mystical intensity of symbolism produces something which is totally distinctive.
Barbican Art Gallery, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 4141), today, tomorrow, 10am-5.45pm, Sun, midday-5.45pm, closes Sunday.

THE BEACH BOYS: A nostalgic return to the days of sun, surf and song with the Boys on a brief British tour.
BIC, Bournemouth (0202 297297), tomorrow, 7.30pm. Brighton Centre (0273 202881). Sun, 7.30pm.

KENWOOD CONCERT: A fireworks and brass concert performed by The Wallace Collection under trumpeter John Wallace begins with Janaček's *The Sinfonietta* (fanfares) and ends with Elgar Howarth's arrangement of Mussorgsky's *Pictures from an Exhibition*.
Kenwood Open Air Concerts, Hampstead Heath, London NW3 (Booking: 071-379 4444), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: The talented violinist Tasmin Little joins the orchestra for Bruch's Violin Concerto No 1. Richard Hickox also conducts Delius's *Sea Drift* and Fauré's *Requiem*.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891). Sun, 7.30pm.

COLE PORTER CENTENARY: Many big names are promised for this centenary concert, including veterans from the original Porter shows. Proceeds to the Cancer Research Campaign. Available tickets, £40-£150.
Prince Edward Theatre, Old Compton Street, London W1 (071-734 8951), Sun, 7.30pm.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Simon Rattle conducts Mark Anthony Turnage's *Momentum* and Mahler's Symphony No 2 in C minor. Soloists are Arleen Auger and Alfreda Hodgson.
Symphony Hall, Birmingham (021-212 3333), Sun, 8pm.

BLUES

Big Jay McNeely
Jazz Café

ONE story about Big Jay McNeely tells how, during a concert in San Diego, he embarked on one of his epic walkabouts. Still honking away on his saxophone, he marched down the streets towards the sea, only to be arrested as a vagrant. Locked in a cell, he carried on playing until the police called his band and begged them to take him away.

In the post-war years, McNeely took R 'n' B showmanship to the limits, donning gaudy outfits and inspiring young admirers to try playing flat on their back. Like Louis Jordan, he was a role model for the first generation of white rock 'n' rollers. While they made fortunes, McNeely held on to a day job as a postman in Los Angeles. Although he has mellowed with the passing years, he is still an unpredictable force.

Suffering from jet-lag after flying in from Australia, he failed to show up for the first set at the Jazz Café, leaving his band to play a competent but far from earth-shattering blues set. The omens were not good. But when McNeely finally arrived all was forgiven. Though visibly tired, he put on a rumbustious display, part soul revue, part sermon. Dressed in a tail coat and rakish bow-tie, his short white beard framed by an improbably dark set of curls, he resembles the kind of hot-gospeller who rarely keeps to the straight and narrow.

His saxophone went into action immediately. Instead of indulging in sophisticated chord progressions, he reworks riff patterns dressed up in a remarkable coarse-grained tone. With a microphone attached to the bell, he was free to wander off the stage, and usually gravitated towards the more nubile members of his congregation. For a while he sat at a table near the front, blowing an atmospheric solo on "Summertime" and cueing in the taut, choppy guitar of Charles Womack.

The nearest McNeely ever came to a pop hit was more than 30 years ago with the ballad "There is Something on Your Mind". He segued into a brief version before setting off on a lengthy walkabout on "I Can't Stop Loving You". Fortunately, he stayed on the premises. His final show, tonight, should not be missed.

CLIVE DAVIS

DANCE

Scènes de ballet/ Les Noces/Les Biches
Covent Garden

ONE of the finest achievements of the Royal Ballet over a long period (even if too rare nowadays) has been to preserve in good order some of the best creations of the first half of this century. So it is a shame that it cannot take the present Nijinska-Ashton programme when the company goes to New York next month.

There have been several more debuts in the leading roles since the first night. Stuart Cassidy (who got his chance only because of a colleague's injury) proved as enjoyable as Irek Mukhamedov as the leader of the three bone-headed, muscle-flexing toyboys in *Les Biches*. Lynne Bristow shows a good sense of character as the hostess who appropriates his two chums, while Cassidy goes woodenly but eagerly after a coolly teasing Gail Taphouse as the person in blue.

The dancers in *Scènes de ballet* appear to be enjoying themselves, and it is such a pleasure to see Ashton's inventive and demanding choreography done with ease and sharpness. So it seems mean to mention that there are other aspects of the work which these casts do not succeed in developing.

This is particularly true of the latest to step into the leads. To watch Fiona Brockway's bright, shining account of the ballerina role, it could scarcely be imagined that beneath the bravura surface there used to lie depths of mystery and poetry which made the glitter more rewarding. Tetsuya Kumakawa seems more aware of the possibilities and puts on a stately manner between his bursts of virtuosity; it is not his fault that nature hardly meant him for a tall, heroic *danseur noble*.

We really need to keep the ballets in the active repertoire now that they have been brought out of mothballs. There are other young dancers who might look good in these works (as would Sylvie Guillem, who could show a thing or two about their style if she set her mind to it). And the ensemble in *Les Noces* (rather more than the soloists on the platform behind them) deserve to glory in this masterpiece again and again.

JOHN PERCIVAL

CONCERT

CBSO/Rattle
Symphony Hall, Birmingham

LAST year Mark-Anthony Turnage wowed a Prom audience with his *Three Screaming Popes*; the fear, or hope, was that for Wednesday night's royal opening of Birmingham's Symphony Hall he would produce one or two screaming queens. But in the event the royal presence was downgraded, and perhaps it would have taxed even Turnage's imagination to come up with as much as a single screaming princess royal.

Instead what he offered was a festive overture, *Momentum*, a ten-minute occasional piece in the form of an orchestral boogie-woogie followed by a chorale apotheosis. Throughout, as so often in Turnage's recent works, the injection of a jazz physicality gave an effect about as rude and novel as Stravinsky's music of the 1940s, and although he is at least his own man in his command of the orchestra, which gets more impressive with each new piece, here the opening chunks for a wind ensemble, lamentatory with saxophone tone, were reminiscent of the miniature cello concerto he wrote for Birmingham last year. Electric guitar, piano and drum kit are also by now pretty standard Turnage additions to the ensemble.

After a short break, the concert continued with Mahler's Second Symphony, a City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Rattle speciality which was an excellent choice for them to show both their musical prowess and the outstanding qualities of their new hall. What was most impressive this time, from a seat close to the orchestra, was not so much the already celebrated pianissimo as the tight fusion of the orchestral blend, and yet also its extraordinary clarity. For instance, the piccolo sound in climactic chords was unmistakable as an edge of yelling brilliance, even though it was only heard as part of the whole. And the marvellous CBSO percussion also were brought into focus. Never before had I realised just how much this work foretells the 20th century in its emancipation of the percussion, not only as a resource of force in the crescendo for percussion alone, but also as a fund of delicate nuances, such as a shiver of sound from cymbals brushed together.

Magnificent too were the sounds made by the offstage ensembles: sonorous and resonant. At last the CBSO Chorus had its chance to demonstrate what a splendid hall this is for choral noise. In its contributions, to be sure, the pianissimos really were remarkable, and alive with potential energy, which then was realised abundantly in the culmination. It seemed perfectly right that the symphony should end not with this choral triumph but with a short orchestral coda, as if the chorus had sung themselves up into heaven.

But this was an excellent night too for the entire orchestra, for Simon Rattle, who makes this piece sound as logical as Haydn and as cataclysmic as a love affair (there is, indeed, a good deal of the erotic in his interpretation), and for Arleen Auger, soaring above the mass in the last movement.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

PYRRHOUS
(c) Reddish, from the Greek *purros* reddish: "Her flowing hair was of that glowing Venetian redness, tawny and tigerish, Pre-Raphaelite and pyrrhous."

SUCCADE
(c) Fruit preserved in sugar, either candied or in syrup, from the Anglo-French 15th-century *sukade*; *Robinson Crusoe*, in the bit when he discovers all kinds of consolations for solitude on the shipwreck: "I found two pots of very good succades, or sweetmeats."

PUTOIS
(b) A brush of polecat's hair, or substitute for polecat's hair, for painting pottery, from the French: "Those characteristic leaf traceries must have been painted on with his finest putois. You can see the individual hairs."

KEFFEL
(b) A horse, especially a sorry horse, from English patronising racialism about the Welsh, from the Welsh *ceffyl* horse: "At last a Negro devil came on a dun keffel, blind and lame."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's position is from the game Burgess — Bank, Friis, Naestved 1991. Here, white won with a brilliant combination. Can you see it?



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10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Playdays 10.25 Bunyip (r) 10.35 Humdingers. Musical game show hosted by Jonathan Coleman (r)
11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 High Chaparral. Classic western series (r) 11.55 Reviving Antiques. Mending tea-pot spouts (r). (Ceefax)
12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.05 Scene Again. Judi Spiers with show business highlights from *Scene Today* 12.25 Hooked On Scotland. Paul Young takes in Scotland's oldest angling festival and goes fishing with Andy Gray of *City Lights* (r) 12.55 Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 Humdingers. Jonathan Coleman hosts the musical guessing game
2.15 Film: Happy Endings (1983). Mild, middle-of-the-road romantic comedy about two apartment dwellers whose efforts to get it together are hampered by the still-fresh memories of their erstwhile lovers. Starring John Schneider and Catherine Hicks. Directed by Noel Black
3.50 Quick Draw McGraw. Cartoon (r) 4.00 A Bear Behind (r) 4.10 Smoggies (r) 4.35 The Legend of Tim Tyler. Episode seven of the 12-part children's adventure serial from Germany (r)
5.00 Newsround 5.10 The Girl from Tomorrow. Episode four of the 12-part fantasy drama serial about a girl from the year 3000 (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. Weather
6.30 Regional news magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours

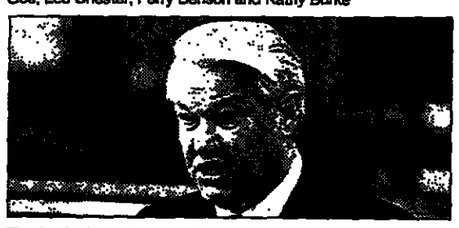


A chip off the old block: chart-topper Chesney Hawkes (7.00pm)

7.00 Wogan With Joanna Lumley. Among the guests is the chart-topping Chesney Hawkes, Robbie Coltrane and Betty Marsden
7.30 Joint Account. Tepid role-reversal sitcom starring Hannah Gordon as a bank manager and Peter Egan as her stay-at-home husband. (Ceefax)
8.00 Fast Friends. Forgettable quiz show hosted by the splendid Les Dawson, who could do with a better outlet for his talent. Team captains choose their teams from 40 "friends" in the audience and then compete for a luxury holiday. (Ceefax)
8.30 Keeping Up Appearances. Roy Clarke's disappointing, one-joke sitcom about the suburban social-climber, Hyacinth. The compensation is Patricia Routledge in the central role. With Judy Cornwell and Geoffrey Hughes (r). (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
9.30 The Cowra Breakout. Episode two of the sturdy five-part Australian drama serial about a true incident in which a 1,000 Japanese soldiers, captured in New Guinea in 1942, were interned in a New South Wales prisoner-of-war camp. Stars Junichi Ishida and Alan David Lee. Northern Ireland: 11.00 Forgiveness
11.20 Film: Rentadick (1972). An early effort by unruly satirists John Cleese and Graham Chapman, marking a handover of comic reins from the Goons to the Python team. Given the talent involved, it should have been funnier. A detective agency is called upon to find the thieves responsible for stealing a nerve gas capable of paralysing victims from the waist down. With James Booth, Spike Milligan and Donald Sinden. Directed by Jim Clark. (Ceefax). Northern Ireland 11.40-1.05 Film: Valdez is Coming
12.30am Guests of God: The City of the Prophet. The Wentzels reach Saudi Arabia and after a visit to Medina begin their pilgrimage to Mecca
12.50 Weather

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Man-Made Macromolecules. Ends at 7.10
8.00 News 8.15 Westminster
9.00 Daytime on Two
2.00 News and weather followed by Words and Pictures (r) 2.15 Weekend Outlook. A preview of *Open University* programmes (r)
2.20 Tennis. Quarter-final action in the Stella Artois championships from Queen's Club, London. News and weather at 3.00 and 3.50
6.00 Film: Humanoid Defender (1985). A sci-fi television movie starring Terence Knox (from *St Elsewhere*) as a scientist working as part of a team that has developed a special gestation tank to create the ultimate soldier. This perfect specimen eventually emerges replete with centuries-worth of information and knowledge. However, to the chagrin of the military, it cannot be programmed to kill. With Gary Kasper and Bill Lucking. Directed by Ron Satlof
7.30 What the Papers Say with Robert Fox of the *Daily Telegraph*
7.45 Public Eye: Stalker — The Final Chapter.
● CHOICE: John Stalker, former deputy chief constable of Greater Manchester, was removed from his inquiry into the alleged shoot-to-kill policy in Northern Ireland because he was getting too close to the truth. The pretext was his friendship with a Manchester businessman, Kevin Taylor, who was being investigated by the police. At least this has become a widely accepted version. A *Public Eye* report by the tenacious Peter Taylor sets out to demolish it. Taylor's argument is that there was no conspiracy to remove Stalker, by MI5, the Royal Ulster Constabulary, or anyone else. He suggests that far from trying to sabotage the Northern Ireland inquiry, Stalker's removal was designed to protect its integrity. Taylor's account is well documented and plausible, although many of the leading players, including Stalker, Kevin Taylor, and the Greater Manchester chief constable James Anderton, declined to take part in the programme. It may still not be the final word
8.30 Gardeners' World reports from the Norfolk village of Roydon where a couple asked designer Adrian Bloom to turn their tiny front garden into a low maintenance, drought-resistant horticultural paradise
9.00 The Real McCoy. Comic sketches and songs performed by Curtis and Ishmael, Llewella Gideon, Collette Johnson, Robbie Gee, Leo Chester, Perry Benson and Kathy Burke



The Soviet Union's man of the moment: Boris Yeltsin (9.30pm)

9.30 The Second Russian Revolution: The Yeltsin File.
● CHOICE: By a clever, or lucky, piece of scheduling, the history of Gorbachev's Soviet Union reaches the man of the moment. Tonight's episode concentrates on events in 1987 and 1988, and charts the rise, fall, and partial resurrection of Boris Yeltsin. As before in the series, the narrative is enriched with the first-hand accounts of leading participants, including Yeltsin himself and his main adversary at the time, Gorbachev's deputy, Yegor Ligachev. Glasnost is everywhere. Ligachev comments: "Yeltsin is all talk, but he has never actually achieved anything." It is a judgment Western observers will ponder as Yeltsin's challenge to Gorbachev becomes ever stronger. On the evidence of this programme, Yeltsin may have the common touch, even if some of it seems to depend on his manipulation of the photo-opportunity. But Gorbachev is by far the wilier politician with a shrewder grasp of the realities of power. (Ceefax)
10.20 10x10: A Drowning Silence.
● CHOICE: It may not be entirely clear from what appears on the screen but the origin of this mini-drama was a play about child abuse and its repercussions in the victim's adult life. Nicola Buckingham developed her script from improvisations with her fellow pupils in a school drama class. Now a student at the Central School of Speech and Drama, her reward is to be given the lead role. The directors, Robert Sanders and David Evans, use colour for the present and black and white for the past as they intercut a conversation between a woman and her lover with flashbacks of her childhood. As she hints to him that she has a terrible secret to divulge, we see her younger self with stylised shots of her parents and disturbing images of water and darkness. Although some of the references may remain obscure it is a clever piece of film-making, which packs a lot into the ten-minute slot
10.30 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow 11.15 Weather
11.20 US Open Golf Championship. Second round action from the Hazeltine Golf Club in Chaska, Minnesota. Ends at 12.55

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Cross Wits. Tom O'Connor hosts the crossword game show 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 Out of This World. American comedy series starring Doug McClure and Maureen Flannigan
10.30 This Morning. Family magazine presented live from Liverpool's Albert Dock by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan
12.10 Rainbow. For the young. Today's theme is travelling (r)
12.30 News with John Suchet. Weather 1.10 Thames News and weather
1.20 Home and Away 1.50 A Country Practice. Australian drama set in a rural community health clinic
2.20 The Health Experiment. Health series extolling the virtues of a balanced diet and moderate exercise, introduced by Sebastian Coe 2.50 Win, Lose or Draw. Danny Baker hosts the pen and paper charades game
3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 The Young Doctors. Australian medical drama
3.55 Nellie the Elephant. Cartoon (r) 4.00 Rod 'n' Emu. Rod Hull and the hyperactive Australian bird do battle with the redoubtable Grotbags 4.15 The Magic Crown. Sword and sorcery drama series for children 4.40 Finders Keepers. Neil Buchanan keeps order while hordes of children hunt for clues in a huge house
5.10 Home and Away (r)
5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock Live presented by Frank Bough. The studio guests are impressionist Jessica Martin and singer Sheena Easton. From Brands Hatch there is an interview with rally driver Derek Bell. Followed by LWT News and weather
6.55 The Day. With a 13-year-old steel band player preparing for the Notting Hill carnival
7.00 Through the Keyhole. David Frost offers the rich and famous a chance to get their homes on television, while Loyd Grossman enthuses over the décor and dishes out cryptic clues to celebrity panellists — Willie Rushton, Pattie Coldwell and Alan Titchmarsh. (Oracle)

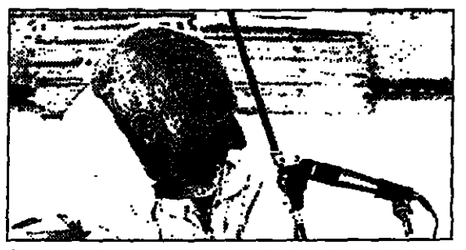


Anglers: Charles Lawson, Bryan Mosley, Geoff Hinsliff (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Three intrepid anglers seek solace and solitude. (Oracle)
8.00 Second Thoughts: Marriage of Inconvenience. Lynda Bellingham and James Bolam star in the cheerful sitcom about the joys and frustrations of love and marriage the second time around. Bill and Faith finally decide to marry but before the happy ceremony can take place Bill must get proof from former wife Liza (Belinda Lang) that he is in fact divorced
8.30 The Piglet Files. Juvenile comedy series starring Nicholas Lyndhurst as a dense MI5 agent, Peter Chapman, code-named Piglet. This week he finds himself the target of a KGB lovetrap and the attentions of a beautiful Russian spy (Edita Brychta). To his immense distress he is ordered to play along with her. (Oracle)
9.00 A Perfect Hero. Nigel Havers as a dashing second world war pilot who is horrifically burnt in a Battle of Britain dogfight. His recovery is long and frustrating and, despite intelligent writing and acting, the same can be said for this series, which has hardly developed since the opening episode. With James Fox as the plastic surgeon. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville and Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather 10.35 LWT News and weather followed by The Day
10.45 The London Programme. Trevor Phillips investigates the house market in the London and the southeast
11.15 Hooperman. Police comedy starring John Ritter
11.45 The Young Riders. Adventures of six Pony Express riders in 1860s Dakota
12.35am Married . . . With Children. American domestic comedy
1.05 The James Whale Show. More phone-ins, superficial banter and music with the argumentative DJ
2.05 Raw Power. Rock videos
3.05 CinemAttractions. The latest US cinema releases
3.35 Beach Volleyball
4.30 Soap. Often hilarious American spoof featuring the outrageous Tate and Campbell families (r)
5.05 Superboy. Adventures of the junior super-hero (John Haymes Newton), alias college boy Clark Kent (r)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Sue Carpenter. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily 9.25 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme 12.30 Business Daily
1.00 Sesame Street (r)
2.00 Painted Tales: Legar — L'Homme à la Pipe. Series of animated stories set in a municipal art gallery
2.15 Easy Does It. Gentle exercise series for the over-fifties with Pat Rowlandson. Today's subject is correct breathing (r)
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from York. Derek Thompson introduces live coverage of the 2.40, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Elimination quiz hosted by William G. Stewart
5.00 I Love Lucy (b/w). Classic American sitcom starring Lucille Ball
5.30 The Triple Net: The Inward Eye. Last of the series in which Iola Gregory plays Welsh writer Kate Roberts (1891-1985). After returning to North Wales Kate buys a publishing house and founds the newspaper *Y Faher*, a broadsheet that maintained an independent Welsh view throughout the war years (r). (Teletext)
6.00 Kate & Allie. Sitcom about two divorced women sharing a Greenwich Village apartment (r)
6.30 Best of The Word. Another selection of reports from the chaotic magazine programme features the cast of the series *Beverly Hills 90210* and music from *Definition of Sound*
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather
7.50 First Reaction. Mark Steyn reviews the musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*
8.00 Brookside. Merseyside soap. (Teletext)



He does like to be beside the seaside: Tony Savage (8.30pm)

8.30 Short Stories: A Seaside Organist.
● CHOICE: Since the Fifties Tony Savage has been playing the organ to holidaymakers at Clifonville, near Margate. He claims to be one of the last of his kind. His audience was once 2,000 strong. It is now counted in dozens and they are mainly senior citizens, faithfully returning year after year. "I'm a bit of a memory man," he confesses, as he ripples out the old tunes and persuades his veteran customers to get up and shake a leg. Savage reckons his job is keeping people happy. He is ever optimistic, as a seaside entertainer has to be in the face of chill winds and brooding clouds. It's a family affair, with his wife taking the deck chair tickets and the mother-in-law selling teas and ices. This affectionate but unblinkered film was made by Savage's son, Dominic, a recent graduate of the National Film and Television School. It ends, as one holidaymaker has requested, with "Now Is the Hour" (Teletext)
9.00 Cheers. Durable American sitcom set in a cosy Boston drinking-hole. Frasier (Kelsey Grammer) fears for the sanity of his wife who is distraught at the death of a laboratory rat. (Teletext)
9.30 Consuming Passions. A series about people driven by an obsessive interest which turns a hobby into a life's work. Penny Black's passion is her garden, designed like a piece of fine embroidery and rich in resources for her pressed flower pictures, pot-pourri and perfume. The programme joins Penny in her Cornwall garden to learn about her life, her crafts and the inspiration for a remarkable mid-life achievement (r). (Teletext)
10.00 Roseanne: Community Theater. When her sister Jackie (Laurie Metcalfe) decides to audition for the local theatre, Roseanne (Roseanne Barr) feels duty-bound to intercede. (Teletext)
10.30 Absolutely. Assorted comedy antics
11.05 Friday at the Dome. Live music, features and interviews from London's Kilburn National. The guests include Manchester band James, Lenny Kravitz, Dance Act Soho, Banderas and Def Leppard vocalist Joe Elliott who teams up with Liam O'Maonlai (of Hothouse Flowers)
12.20am Film: Homicidal (1961, b/w). An effective, low-budget "old dark house" mystery thriller from William Castle, best known for devising publicity-attracting gimmicks for his films. In this case it was a one minute "fright break" to allow nervous members of the audience to leave before the movie's climax. Miriam Webster (Patricia Breslin) and her friend Karl (Glenn Corbett) decide to return to the mansion in which Miriam lived as a child. What they find is old nanny Helga (Eugenie Leontovitch) mute and paralysed after a stroke and living in terror of her strange nurse Emily (Jean Arless). Lots of tension and with a creepy surprise ending. Ends at 1.55

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 The Munsters Today 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 10.40 Cross Question 11.40 Married...with Children 12.10-1.05 Wolf 2.05 Video View 2.35 Word of Mouth 3.05 Friday the 13th 4.00 College Basketball 5.00-5.30 Inter Bang!

BORDER
As London except: 6.00pm Lookaround Friday 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.40 Coach 11.10 Murphy's Law 12.05-1.05 Friday the 13th 2.05 The Young Riders 2.55 Night Beat 3.55-5.30 Film: True as a Turtle (John Gregson, June Thorburn)

CENTRAL
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Heidi 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Central News 10.40 Central Weekend 12.10-1.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 2.05 Film: The Thing (Kurt Russell, Richard Dysart, Richard Masur) 4.05 The Hit Man and Her 5.05-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 It Ain't Cricket 6.00 Home and Away 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.40 In the Heat of the Night 11.35 Stand Up 12.05am-1.05 Friday the 13th 2.05 The Young Riders 2.55 Night Beat 3.55-5.30 Film: True as a Turtle (John Gregson, June Thorburn)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice 6.00 News 6.30-7.00 Let's Go 10.40 1st Cut 11.10-11.40 History on Canvas

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Stopwatch 10.40-11.40 The Swansea Festival

SCOTTISH
As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.40 Getting Them Early 11.10-1.05am Dial-a-Movie 2.05 Film: The Savage Bees 3.50 Mystery Theatre 4.25 The Jacksons 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Sullivans 3.20-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Taxi 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Gardens for All 10.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.40 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.05-1.05 Friday the 13th 2.05 The Young Riders 2.55 Night Beat 3.55-5.30 Film: True as a Turtle

TVS
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Countryside Close 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 That's Gardening! 10.40-11.10 Take One 11.40-1.05am Film: Man on a String 2.05 The Young Riders 3.00 Raw Power 4.00 Coach 4.30-5.30 The Channon and Ball Video Show

TYNE TEES
As London except: 6.00pm Northern Life 6.30-7.00 The Friday Documentary: Chinatown 10.40 Point of Order 11.10 Jake and the Fatman 12.05am-1.05 Friday the 13th 2.05 The Young Riders 2.55 Night Beat 3.55-5.30 Film: True as a Turtle

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 10.40 Daniel O'Donnell 11.40 Beauty and the Beast 12.35am-1.05 Hooperman 2.05 The Young Riders 2.55 Night Beat 3.55-5.30 Film: True as a Turtle

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55pm-2.20 Graham Kerr 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 The Wonderful World of Soaps 10.40 Film: The Cat Creature 12.05am-1.05 Tour of Duty 2.05 Bhangra Beat 2.35-5.30 Eastern Cinema: Baap Numbri Beta Dus Numbri

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RTE 1
Starts: 12.40 Oireachtas Report 1.00 News 1.35 Crusade in the Pacific 2.00 GP 3.00 News followed by Shillingbury Tales 4.00 News followed by Sons and Daughters 4.30 The Fortsyte Saga 5.20 Out of Limits 5.30 The Sullivans 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Play the Game 7.30 Around the World in Eighty Days 8.30 Mr Bean 9.00 News 9.30 Film: Goodnight My Love 10.50 News 11.05 Friday at the Dome 12.15 Film: Get to Know Your Rabbit 1.45 Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 3.20pm Bosco 3.50 Charlie Chalk 4.05 Film: Go Kart Go 5.05 The Littlest Hobo 5.30 Huckleberry Hound 5.40 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles 6.05 Get Smart 6.30 Home and Away 6.55 Nuschi 7.00 World of Horses 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by Sportsworld 9.00 Roseanne 9.30 News followed by Alfred Hitchcock Presents 10.00 US Open Golf 12.00 Oireachtas Report 12.20 Lou Grant 1.20 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.46 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Diff'rent Strokes 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Growing Pains 8.00 Riptide 9.00 Hunter 10.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 11.00 Film: Terror (1978) 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 9.30 Daytime 10.30 Those Were the Days 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Daytime 12.30pm CBS News 2.10 Live — Prime Minister's speech on "Majorism" 3.30 The Lords 4.30 Those Were the Days 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Those Were the Days 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Those Were the Days 3.30 CBS News 4.30 Those Were the Days

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6am Showcase, incl at 8.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 Invasion Earth: The Aliens Are Here! (1988): Science-fiction comedy about an inept group of aliens who land on Earth and try to take over the planet. Starring Janice Fabian and Christian Lee
12.00 Cold River (1982): Two teenagers have to fend for themselves in the treacherous Adirondack wilderness when their father dies on a camping trip. Starring Suzanne Weber and Pat Petersen
2.00 The Four Musketeers (1974). The original trio reinforces its ranks and continues on its swashbuckling adventures. Starring Oliver Reed, Richard Chamberlain
4.00 Chu Chu and the Philly Flash (1981): Carol Burnett and Alan Arkin try to ransom top-secret papers found in a stolen briefcase
5.40 Entertainment Tonight: Kevin Kline talks about his role in the comedy *Soapdish*
6.00 Police Academy 6: City Under Siege (1989): The wacky police squad confronts the slippery Wilson Heights Gang. Starring Bubba Smith and David Graf
8.00 Electric Dreams (1984): Romantic comedy about a young electronics whiz-kid who competes with his computer for the affections of his beautiful neighbour. Starring Lenny van Dohlen
9.40 US Top Ten
10.00 Rented Lips (1988): Two film-makers turn their low budget porn movie into a musical. Starring Martin Mull
11.30 Young Guns (1988): Emilio Estevez and Kiefer Sutherland star as members of a band of youthful outlaws
1.15am Mountaintop Motel Massacre (1986): Gruesome tale of the strange goings-on at a remote motel run by a seemingly normal family
2.55 Knights of the City (1986): A Miami street gang tries to change its violent habits. Starring Stoney Jackson
4.20 Disorganised Crime (1989): Crime caper about a gang of witless bank robbers. Ends at 6.00

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.15am Stories from a Flying Trunk (1979): A musical ballet version of three Hans Christian Andersen tales. Starring Murray Melvin
8.15 Tickle Me (1965): Elvis Presley stars as a rocking rodeo rider who is hired to work at a health farm for women
10.15 Rock around the Clock (1956, b/w): An unknown band travels to New York looking for success and meets a host of famous Fifties music stars on the way. Starring Bill Haley and His Comets
12.15pm Kojak: Ariana (1990): Telly Savalas stars as the bald detective
2.15 The Party (1968): An Indian doctor attends a chic Hollywood soiree with hilarious results. Starring Peter Sellers
4.15 The Great Outdoors (1988): John Candy takes his family on holiday and is paid an unexpected and unwelcome visit by Dan Aykroyd and his family
6.15 Scrooged (1988): Comedy drama, loosely based on the Dickens tale, about a mean business executive who is visited by moralising ghosts. Starring Bill Murray and Karen Allen
8.15 New York Stories (1989): A disappointing trio of films about New York life, directed by Woody Allen, Martin Scorsese and Francis Ford Coppola
10.20 The Last Dragon (1985): Kung fu drama starring Taimak and Chris Murray
12.15am Walker (1988): The true story of a 19th century American soldier who becomes president of Nicaragua. Starring Ed Harris and Marlee Matlin
1.55 Captive (1986): Glossy drama about an heiress (Irina Brook) who is kidnapped and brainwashed by a group of terrorists
3.35 Until September (1984): Romantic drama about an American in Paris who falls in love with a married man. Starring Karen Allen. Ends at 5.15

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 11.30am Motor World 12.00 Stella Artois Tennis 2.00pm Australian Rules Football 4.00 The US Open Golf Tournament 8.00 Stella Artois Tennis 10.00 The US Open Golf Tournament 12.00 Australian Rules Football 2.00am Stella Artois Tennis

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite. 10.00am Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 We're Cooking Now 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Star Time 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of Night 2.05 Divorce Court 2.30 Lifestyle Plus 2.40 The Tom Ewell Show 3.10 Rafferty's Rules 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 The Mothers-in-Law 4.40 Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite. 7.00am British Motor Sport 7.30 Porsche Carrera Cup 8.00 German Touring Car Championships 8.30 Fight Night 10.00 USWA Wrestling 11.00 UK Athletics 12.00 Motor Sport 1.00pm Motor Sport Nascar 2.00 German Basketball 3.00 All Japan F3000 4.00 Argentine Football 5.00 Mud and Monsters 6.00 Dutch Motor Sports Magazine 7.00 US PGA Golf 8.30 NBA Basketball 10.30 US PGA Tour 12.30am Pro Boxing 2.00 NBA Basketball 4.30 World Snooker Classics 6.30 French Sport

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite. Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

8.35-6.55am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Scarlatti, arr Tommasini (The Good Humoured Ladies: Concert Arts Orchestra under Robert Irving); Saint-Saëns (Rapsodie d'Auvergne, Op 73. J-P Collard, piano; RPO under André Previn)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Mozart (Symphony No 26 in E flat, K 184. ECO under Jeffrey Tate); Strauss (Concertino for clarinet and bassoon. Thomas Friedl, Klaus Thunemann; Lausanne CO under Matthias Aeschlacher); Tartini, arr Respighi (Pastorale: ECO under Marcello Viotti, with Ingolf Turban, violin); Shostakovich (Prelude and Fugue No 1 and No 7: Tatiana Nikolayeva, piano)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week. Bartók (Violin Sonata No 2; Village Scenes; Piano Concerto No 1)
9.35 Dark and Light Fantastic. Schumann (Märchenerzählungen, Op 132: Sabine Meyer, clarinet, Tabea Zimmermann, viola, Hartmut Höll, piano); Britten (Phantasy in F minor. Endellion Quartet, with Nicholas Logie, viola); Scriabin (Sonata Fantasy in G sharp minor, Op 19: Bella Davidovich, piano). Ligeti (Trio for horn, violin and piano: Saschko Gawilov, horn, Hermann Baumann, violin, Eckart Besch, piano); Saint-Saëns, transc Liszt (Danse macabre. Leslie Howard, piano), Brahms (Clarinet Quintet in B minor, Op 115: Karl Leister, Amadeus Quartet)
1.35 BBC Scottish SO under Alexander Gibson, with Qian Zhou, violin, performs Iain Hamilton (Aurora); Lalo (Symphonie espagnole); Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 2, A London Symphony)
1.00pm News
1.05 Manchester Summer Recital: The pianist Gordon Fergus-Thompson plays Bach, transc Busoni (Chaconne in D minor); Ravel (Miroirs)
2.00 Opera News (r)
2.45 Mining the Archive: In a recording from 1954, the Griller String Quartet performs two works for the first time Rawsthorne (Quartet No 2). 3.04 Sydney Griller talks to Michael Oliver — first broadcast in 1977. 3.11 Bloch (Quartet No 4)
3.45 Ulster Orchestra under Jansug Kakhidze performs Sibelius (Finlandia); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 21 in C, K 467: Joanna MacGregor); Dvorák (Symphony No 7 in D minor, Op 70)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure
6.30 The Austin High School Gang: Paul Vaughan concludes his investigation into the Twenties group of Chicago jazz musicians
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Professor Norbert Lynton talks to the artist Ken Kiff, whose exhibition is at the Marlborough Gallery, London
7.30 Late Janáček (The Danube: Moravian Dances: Slovak PO under Libor Pesek)
8.00 Aldeburgh Festival 1991: Live from the Snape Maltings. The pianist Artur Pizzarro plays Haydn (Theme and Variations in F minor, H XVII 6); Beethoven (Sonata in D, Op 28, Pastoral). 8.40 Anthony Burton talks to Artur Pizzarro. 9.00 Britten (Night Piece); Debussy (Children's Corner); Prokofiev (Sonata No 6, Op 82)
10.00 A House Built by Music
● CHOICE: Arts interviewer Natalie Wheen brings a note of asperity to what is otherwise all sweetness and light in her feature about Carnegie Hall, New York's famous concert hall, born 100 years ago and still packing them in. Carnegie's artistic planning director — no mealy-mouthed woman herself — is well launched into her panegyric about its role in educating audiences when Wheen stops her in her tracks with the crisp reminder: "Carnegie Hall is a concert hall, not an educational institution!" Andrew Carnegie's ghost must have enjoyed that one. He loved a good tune.
10.45 Sir Michael Tippett conducts the BBC PO in a performance of his Triple Concerto
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Chopin (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)
2.30-3.10 Night School Extra

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, with Sue MacGregor and John Humphrys, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.45 Thought for the Day 7.55 Weather 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Derek Walcott, the Caribbean poet and winner of the W.H. Smith literary award (s) (r)
9.45 The Village: The day-to-day events in a small Hampshire rural community
10.00 News; Special Assignment
10.30 Morning Story: Joey, by Robert Dodds
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Friday Lives: Joanna Buchan introduces extraordinary tales about people from all walks of life
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard. Are Britain's town centres a cultural desert?
12.25pm The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: From Birmingham. Anne Brown helps to dust away the sexual and economic cobwebs surrounding housework. There is a report from Germany on the demands of housewives to be paid a salary; cub scouts show their aptitude in helping around the home; and a look at the future of domestic appliances
3.00 News; Classic Serial: The Hunchback of Notre Dame. The fourth of a five-part adaptation of Victor Hugo's tale of fated love and the fear of sorcery. With Jack Klaff as Quasimodo and Emily Morgan as Esmeralda (s) (r)
4.00 News
4.05 Fourth Column: Simon Hoggart and guest columnists take a mutinous look at the world around them on the anniversary of Captain Bligh's return to land after being cast adrift from the Bounty
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Lucy Neal reviews John Webster's Restoration play, *The White Devil*, at the Olivier Theatre; Tim Marlow surveys the Tate Gallery's retrospective exhibition of the paintings of John Constable; Graham Whitehead visits the Nickelodeon museum in Leamington Spa; and Edward Seckerson listens to three new recordings of Mussorgsky's *Pictures from an Exhibition* (s)
5.00 PM, with Frank Partridge and Hugh Sykes 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Going Places: This week, Janet Trewin and Sean Maffett present the transport magazine programme from the Paris Air Show
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Southampton by Glenda Jackson, prospective Parliamentary candidate for the Labour party; Sally O'Sullivan, editor and chief, *Good Housekeeping*; Michael Portillo, MP, environment minister; and Peter Vaughan, director, Swan Hunter Shipbuilding and Engineering
8.50 Stop Press: Peter Riddick reviews the week's press and newspaper business
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Landmarks. Richard Cork compares the pastoral works of John Constable with those of Richard Long (s) (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Fludd. Written and read by Hilary Mantel (final part) (s)
11.00 Week Ending: Bill Wallis, Sally Grace, David Tate and Brian Bowles with a satirical review of the week's news
11.25 The Financial Week, with Heather Payton (s)
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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Tories owe £5m despite record income

By PHILIP WEBSTER
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Conservative party is £5 million in debt in spite of receiving its highest ever income for a non-election year.

The party's accounts for last year, published last night four months earlier than in any recent year, show that a £4.3 million deficit last year has increased to £5 million, compared with a surplus of £300,000 in 1989.

Nearly half the deficit is due to the expensive modernisation of the party's headquarters at Smith Square, Westminster, but much of the rest was due to the high-spending publicity campaign conducted under the former chairman, Kenneth Baker, when the party's fortunes were at a low ebb last year.

Contributions from some big business backers have been cut, with the party's largest corporate contributor, the builders Taylor Woodrow, cutting its donation from £150,000 last year to £24,000. Although donations have increased to £10 million from £7 million last year and £6.7 million in 1989 they are not as high as the party would like so close to an election.

Conservative sources have been speaking privately for some time of profligacy at Central Office. Chris Patten, appointed party chairman in November, soon became aware of the alarming financial position and has since tightened financial controls.

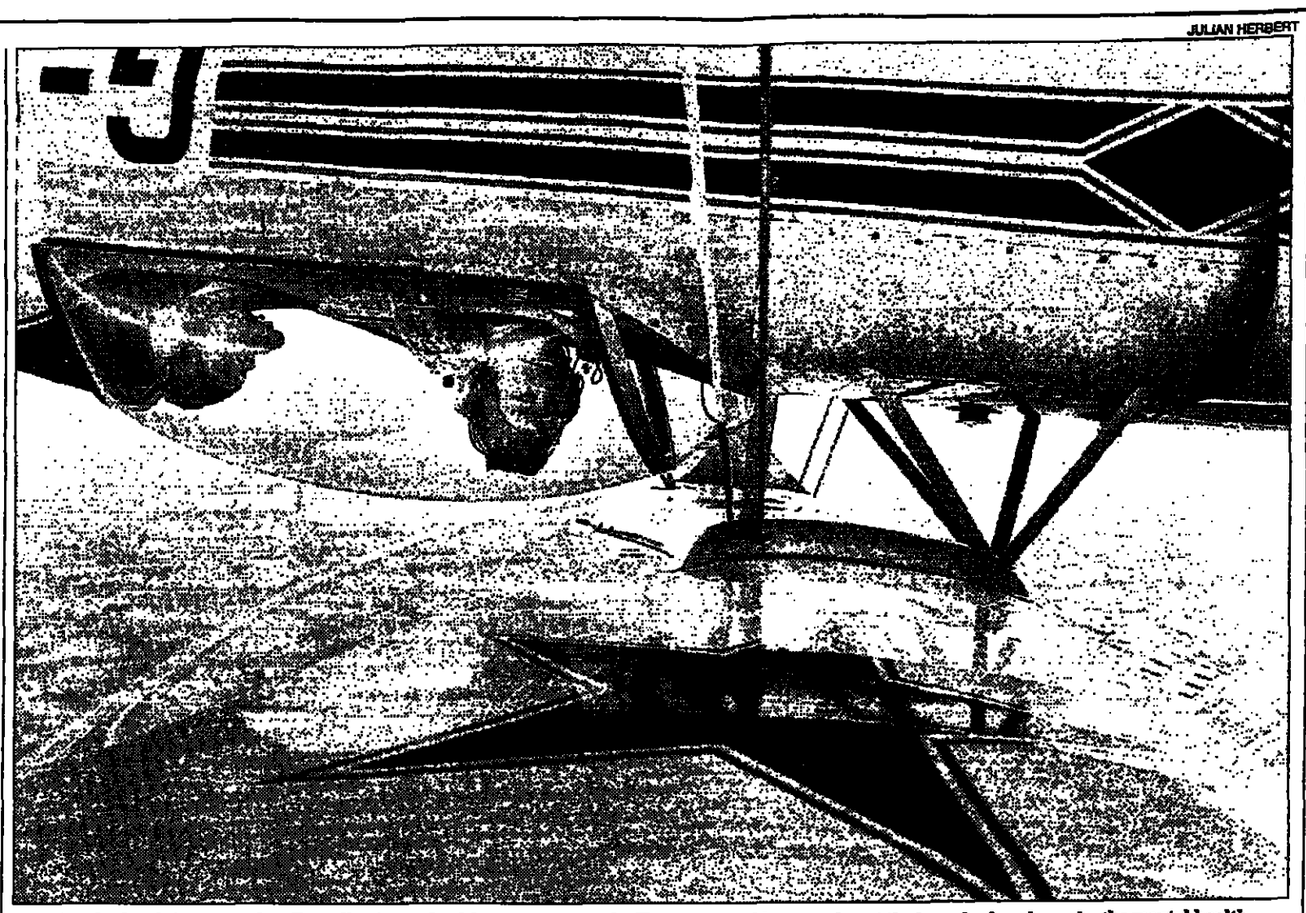
Both John Cope, his deputy chairman, and Michael Stern, whom John Major appointed as an additional vice-chairman with responsibility for finance, are accountants and are reported to have taken a firm grip on finances.

The party's true debt is much higher, although officials refused to comment on suggestions that it was around £12 million. The party has an overdraft secured on the Smith Square building and has loans from Conservative associations.

The party's income was £13 million compared with £9 million in 1990. But its expenditure was £18 million compared with £13 million in 1990.

Mr Patten said last night he had published the accounts early in order to have the first available opportunity to discuss them with the party's national union executive committee which represents the constituencies.

JULIAN HERBERT



Aerobatic minister: Stephen Dorrell, a junior health minister, over the Kent countryside yesterday at the launch of a scheme by the mental health charity Mind. Members of the public will be invited to raise sponsorship money by taking the controls of a plane for a loop-the-loop

Swiss women storm last barricade for equal pay

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN ZURICH

JUDGED by the snail's pace of change in Switzerland, the nation's 2.5 million women have come a long way in the past 20 years. They got the vote in 1971 and constitutional equality with men a decade later.

But one barricade remains to be stormed: equal pay for equal work, and today on the 700th anniversary of the foundation of the Swiss confederation, the women of Switzerland are being asked to strike for 24 hours in support of a national campaign by the local equivalent of the TUC.

"When women stop, everything stops," is their slogan, accompanied by a sketch of a lady with arms firmly folded, and the aim is to get nurses and teachers, housewives and currency dealers to down tools, metaphorically at least, in a demonstration of female solidarity.

Women, who are concerned that coming out in sympathy might jeopardise their jobs, are being urged to start symbolic five-minute stoppages on the dot of 11am. Those who do not go out to work are urged to leave brushes and saucepans out on the doorstep or windowsill and attend one of the many events being organised to mark the great day: how about joining in the symbolic "adjustment" of street names honouring prominent men , or perhaps the "modification" of male statues sounds more exciting.

For all the exasperated harrumphing of Switzerland's male traditionalists — a species in no danger of extinction — the ladies have a powerful case on which to fight for their constitutional rights to equal opportunities. According to the government's own figures, their average pay is still lagging some 30 per cent below that of men doing essentially the same work.

How many women will actually heed the strike call is uncertain. One opinion poll reckoned that no more than 10 per cent would participate. But that would still be a quarter of a million, without counting their male supporters, and the day of inaction enjoys widespread backing in the political and business sectors, as well as the churches.

Not bad for a country where the last general strike took place in 1918 and employers and unions made what amounted to a non-strike deal a good 60 years ago.

One corner of Switzerland where the call to the female cause may not exactly echo through the streets is the heartland of male traditionalism in the "half-commune" of Appenzell.

It was not until last April that women were finally allowed to take part in the annual Landsgemeinde at which issues of local importance are thrashed out, then decided on a show of hands, and that earth-shaking reform took place only because the federal court had ordered Appenzell to give way.

Howard welcomes jobless 'slowdown'

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improvement in unemployment is based on the 70,600 rise in May — the lowest increase in unemployment so far this year. Mr Howard said that taken with the smaller than expected rise of 82,600 last month, it "suggests that the rate of increase in unemployment may have slowed down".

Ministers expect the level of unemployment to continue to rise for some months to come, but believe that since people in work often fear most the speed of the rise in unemployment rather than the absolute number out of work, any slowdown in the rate of increase is welcome.

But Labour said the figures offered no ground for complacency. Tony Blair, Labour's employment spokesman, said: "Instead of trying to talk up a recovery that isn't there, ministers should start to act to help us out of the recession they have created."

Having repeatedly called for lower pay increases, the government took more comfort yesterday from a further decline in the rise in average earnings, which fell by half a percentage point for the fourth month in succession. They are now standing at 8.75 per cent. But the CBI announced poor figures on retail sales.

● **Action plan:** A Government package worth £28.5 million to boost job prospects in west Cumbria was announced yesterday by Peter Lilley, the trade and industry secretary. He said in a Commons statement that the money would be used to provide factories and set up an action team to bring new jobs to the area.

Mr Lilley said the aid was needed because of expected job losses in the region — up to 6,000 from the Vickers shipyard in Barrow and 5,000 from a British Nuclear Fuels construction project in the Copeland area. Funding would also be provided to improve road links between Barrow-in-Furness and the M6.

Yeltsin races to victory

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munist party. Mr Gorbachev said he saw no moral or political grounds for changing the name from Leningrad.

The vote follows a trend set by cities such as Tver and Nizhni Novgorod, which abandoned their post-revolutionary names last year, but Leningrad, renamed after the Bolshevik leader's death in 1924, was thought to be sacrosanct. The name change may not, however, be immediate. The deputy chairman of the Russian parliament, Ruslan Khasbulatov, said that the vote was regarded as advisory rather than binding, and the Soviet parliament said that any change of name would require a national decision in view of Leningrad's importance as the Soviet Union's second city.

Political sketch

A minder picked by computer

THE finest thoroughbred horses are often accompanied by a favourite donkey, goat or sheep. Some racehorses will travel nowhere without such a beast. Animal psychiatrists report that the pedigree is relaxed by the presence of its plebeian pal.

Sitting behind the junior industry minister, John Redwood, yesterday was his new parliamentary private secretary, David Evans (Welwyn Hatfield).

A PPS, who is unpaid, is a backbencher appointed to mind the backbench interests of a minister. The PPS keeps the boss in touch with feeling and acts as his eyes and ears in bars and tearooms where ministers do not go. If there are ruffled feathers, a PPS will let his master know. If a minister seeks to plant a question, a canny PPS will find the mug to do it.

It is up to ministers to choose. Redwood has chosen Evans. Not since Noddy and Big Ears has a more odd couple been seen.

Though Evans trades shamelessly on his humble origins, loves to play the buffoon and boasts of failing his 11-plus, he is no fool. A shrewd businessman and ex-chairman of Luton Town football club, Evans's braying interventions at PM's questions shock and delight. Beneath his superficially vulgar populism lies ... well, a profoundly vulgar populism. To say that the member for Welwyn Hatfield is no intellectual is more than fair: it is your sketchwriter's best hope of avoiding a black eye. Yet the Evans family crest bears the motto *"Ne me minoris face"* ("do not underestimate me") — or would, if Evans could be doing with Latin. *"Watch yer step, sonny"* says it all.

John Redwood could hardly be more different. Possessed of a supersonic intellect, this slim young ex-investment manager with Rothschilds, philosopher of the new right and Fellow of All Souls, is a lean, mean thinking machine. But he is dry, apparently cold, and has an emotionless manner which sometimes spooks his colleagues. This column was the first to tumble to the fact that Redwood is not in fact a human being at all, but a Vulcan, recently landed from the planet of the same name, where merciless logic rules. Redwood now passes as human, engaged in the covert task of assembling a team of Vulcans to take over the Conservative party.

The plot thickens. Redwood has employed Evans. Why? Evans is human!

I shall tell you why. Colleagues have advised Redwood that his only serious bar to upward mobility is his apparent lack of a sense of fun: he should show more warmth, a more roustabout quality, towards fellow MPs. To see what they mean, he has tapped the words "fun", "warmth" and "roustabout" into the secret computer package of *"handy phrases for travellers to Earth"* they gave him when he left Vulcan, but it flashes up only synonyms, equally unfamiliar. How can he cultivate emotions alien to him?

"I know," he has concluded, "I'll get a PPS. Somebody with all these qualities, to act as a bridge between me and the humans. I'll key the words for every vulgarian quality into my computasearch programme, and see which MP the screen throws up". Tap, tap, tap ... *'rollicking', 'rough', 'roustabout', 'rude'* ... finally, he presses *EXECUTE*.

Oh dear. *"Evans, David John"*. The computer has overdone it. Human, yes. All too human, but there is no way a Vulcan can know that. Operating according to strict binary logic, the computer has produced the optimum solution. Reacting with utter rationality, Mr Redwood has accepted it.

The best of luck to both!

MATTHEW PARRIS

THE SATURDAY REVIEW

Public enemy number 1492: Charles Bremner on Christopher Columbus, an American hero now turning into an American villain

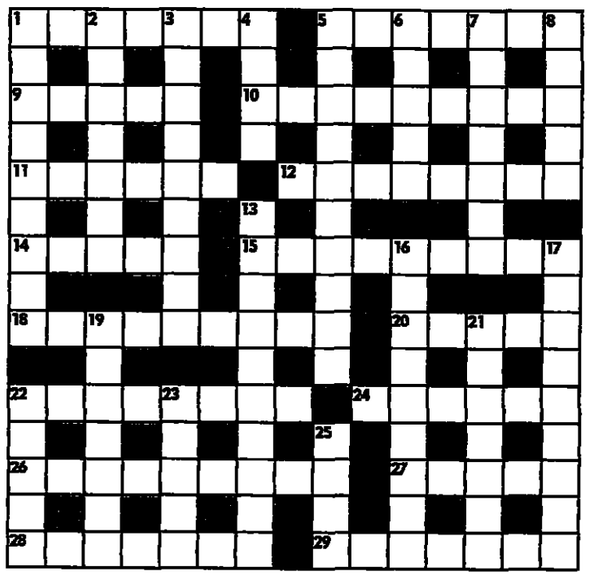
You can't park there: Joe Joseph on a Saudi sense of fun, the taste for state of the art roundabouts with built-in cars

The face of the voice: Valerie Grove talks to Miriam Margolyes, whose voice helped her face to fame

A happy eater he: Never mind PR stunts in motorway service areas, Jonathan Meades has found the real John Major Heritage Trail

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,632



ACROSS

1 'Fish' proclaims the fiancée (7).
5 Title of the French game (7).
9 A parliamentarian, I cheer up to some extent in recess (5).
10 Snowfall can have almost all sliding about (9).
11 One insignificant person runs into another (6).
12 Steal Jack's land (8).
14 Begone, soldiers! Over the top! (5).
15 A tax haven with tax returned eclipses another tax haven, that's self-evident (9).
18 Almost a disaster, discovering uranium missing (4,5).
20 To bake you need the right oven (5).
22 A light sweet (5-3).
24 Turn pale when it gets rough (6).
26 Just bananas left? On the contrary (5-4).
27 A ruler needs a country always (5).
28 A cleaner and safer environment for business (7).
29 Biased leader goes for worker (7).

DOWN

1 Transmits with no difficulty (5,4).
2 Detail about a title (7).
3 One close to home, with serious intentions (2,7).
4 Attack an animal (4).
5 Doctor and wife infiltrating 12's fortification (10).
6 Many a vessel (5).
7 Entrance bent, with top missing (7).
8 Fish was rank (5).
13 A novel form of transport if I try a trip (6,4).
16 Ceremony some days ago (5,4).
17 Batsmen may make off (3,3,3).
19 A movement, legal or otherwise (7).
21 Casters may employ her (7).
22 Writer's injuries (5).
23 Instrument — one covered in lead (5).
25 Thought to be not quite perfect (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,631

H	A	R	E	M		T	R	U	M	P	E	T	E	R
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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PYRRHOUS
a. Having disastrous victories
b. Combustible
c. Reddish

SUCCADE
a. The kiss of life
b. A Carthaginian officer
c. Candied fruit

PUTOIS
a. A male prostitute
b. A polecat-hair brush
c. Pidgin French

KEFFEL
a. The Irish coracle
b. A horse or nag
c. To find by accident

Answers on page 22

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WEATHER

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ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle, fg=fog, s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	23	73	s	Majorca	28	79	s
Alcrotiri	26	79	s	Malaga	26	79	s
Alex'dria	25	77	f	Malta	28	82	s
Amst'dm	16	61	f	Melb'rne	13	55	c
Athens	30	86	s	Miami*	30	86	s
Bahrain	33	91	s	Milan	25	77	s
Bangkok	33	91	f	Montreal*	21	70	f
Barbeds*	31	88	s	Moscow	17	63	c
Barcelna	23	73	s	Munich	20	68	c
Belgrade	25	77	s	Nairobi	23	73	c
Berlin	19	66	f	Naples	25	77	s
Bermuda*	27	81	s	N Delhi	39	95	s
Biarritz	18	64	s	N York*	27	81	s
Borde'x	19	66	c	Nice	21	70	f
Brussels	13	55	c	Oslo	15	59	c
Budapst	25	77	s	Paris	14	57	r
B Aires*	12	54	f	Peking	32	90	s
Cairo	31	88	s	Perth	16	61	c
Cape Tn	15	59	s	Prague	22	72	s
Chicago*	27	81	f	Reykjavik	13	55	s
Ch'church	11	52	s	Rhodes	28	82	s
Cologne	15	59	c	Rio de J	23	73	f
C'phagn	15	59	c	Riyadh	37	99	s
Corfu	28	82	s	Rome	26	79	s
Dublin	13	55	f	Salzburg	24	75	f
Florence	27	81	s	S Paulo*	21	70	c
Frankfurt	18	64	f	Seoul	28	79	s
Funchal	23	73	s	Sing'por	32	90	s
Geneva	23	73	f	St'kholm	13	55	c
Gibraltar	22	72	s	Strasb'rg	17	63	f
Helsinki	15	59	f	Sydney	16	61	c
Hong K	31	88	c	Tangier	30	86	s
Innsbrck	26	79	f	Tel Aviv	25	77	s
Istanbul	23	73	f	Tenerife	23	73	s
Jeddah	37	99	s	Tokyo	29	84	f
Jo'burg*	17	63	s	Toronto*	20	68	f
Karachi	33	91	f	Tunis	27	81	s
L Palmas	24	75	s	Valencia	25	77	s
Le Touet	15	59	f	Vanc'ver*	15	59	f
Lisbon	13	55	s	Venice	24	75	s
Locarno	23	73	c	Vienna	24	75	f
London	15	61	f	Warsaw	20	68	c
L Angels*	18	64	c	Wash'ton*	30	86	c
Luxembg	14	57	c	Wel'nton	13	55	s
Madrid	31	88	s	Zurich	18	64	f

* denotes figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in.	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.8	.17	15	59	shower
Anglesey	9.5	-	15	59	sunny
Aviemore	7.2	.20	15	59	shower
Belfast	3.0	.09	13	55	shower
Birmingham	6.6	.10	17	63	shower
Blackpool	6.9	-	17	63	sunny
Bournemouth	7.1	.48	16	61	bright
Brighton	X	.15	14	57	fog
Bristol	6.9	.14	17	63	shower
Cardiff	5.7	.07	16	61	shower
Clacton	2.2	.04	17	63	bright
Edinburgh	2.1	.17	15	59	shower
Exmouth	4.3	.12	16	61	bright
Falmouth	6.3	.36	15	59	bright
Glasgow	3.8	.46	13	55	shower
Ilfracombe	X	.13	14	57	sunny
Jersey	6.8	-	17	63	bright
Leeds	8.2	.01	17	63	shower
London	6.1	.09	19	66	bright
Lowestoft	X	.13	21	70	sunny
Manchester	6.4	.01	17	63	shower
Margate	X	.04	19	66	bright
Minehead	5.9	.08	17	63	shower
Morecambe	4.3	.07	15	59	bright
Newcastle	X	.02	17	63	shower
Nottingham	5.4	.09	17	63	shower
Prestwick	2.7	.45	13	55	shower
Scarborough	8.2	.03	17	63	sunny
Southend	4.2	.02	18	64	bright
Swanage	6.1	.56	16	61	sunny
Teignmouth	3.7	.12	16	61	cloudy
Tenby	5.9	.25	15	59	sunny
*orquay	5.8	.43	17	63	bright
Weymouth	6.6	.38	15	59	sunny
*ick	1.6	.13	13	55	rain

These are Wednesday's figures

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Grampian & E Highlands	724
N W Scotland	725
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France Fr	10.38	9.13
Germany Dm	3.07	2.87
Greece Dr	330.00	310.00
Hong Kong $	13.22	12.22
Ireland Pt	1.15	1.08
Italy Lira	2290.00	2140.00
Japan Yen	247.75	229.75
Netherlands Gld	3.45	3.24
Norway Kr	11.99	11.28
Portugal Esc	270.00	252.00
South Africa Rd	5.55	4.75
Spain Pta	189.50	176.50
Sweden Kr	11.07	10.37
Switzerland Fr	2.625	2.455
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Yugoslavia Dnr	53.00	35.00

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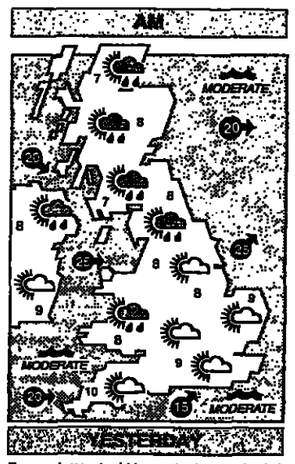
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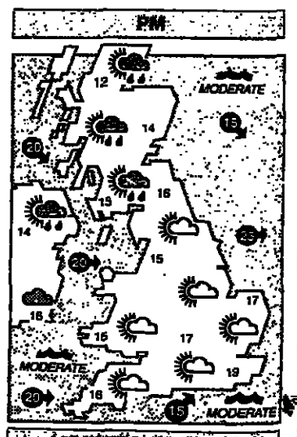
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Yesterday: Temp: max 8am to 6pm, 18C (64F): min 6 pm to 8 am, 12C (54F). Humidity 6pm, 52 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.04 in. Sun, 24hr to 6pm, 7.4 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,006.3 millibars, rising

AM



PM



YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	c	Guernsey	13	55	c
B'rmgham	15	59	c	Inverness	13	55	c
Blackpool	13	55	f	Jersey	16	61	f
Bristol	13	55	f	London	16	61	f
Cardiff	14	57	c	M'nchester	14	57	c
Edinburgh	12	54	c	Newcastle	13	55	c
Glasgow	11	52	c	R'nldsway	13	55	c

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Cromer, Norfolk, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, and Ornsay, Islay, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Poole, Dorset, 0.7 in, highest sunshine. Southport, Lancashire, 11.3 hr

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 9.19 pm to 4.43 am
Bristol 9.39 pm to 4.53 am
Edinburgh 10.00 pm to 4.28 am
Manchester 9.39 pm to 4.39 am
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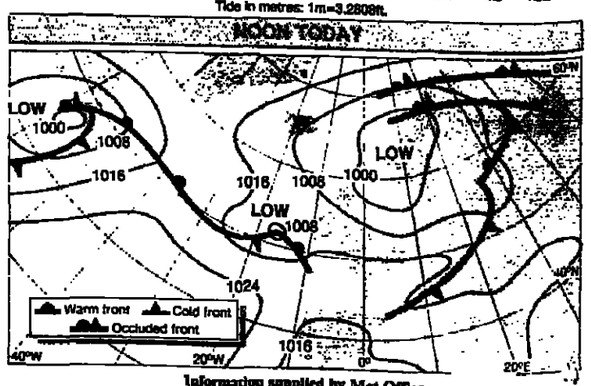
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Avonmouth	9.22	13.3	9.10	13.5	Margate	1.43	4.8	2.12	4.7
Belfast	12.43	3.6	1.18	3.3	Milford Haven	8.18	7.0	8.37	7.2
Cardiff	9.07	12.3	9.25	12.4	Newquay	7.06	7.0	7.27	7.2
Devonport	8.09	5.3	8.20	5.5	Oban	7.58	3.8	8.01	4.0
Dover	12.32	6.6	1.07	6.6	Penzance	7.02	5.4	7.20	5.6
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Hull	8.13	7.4	8.47	7.5	Swansea	8.27	9.5	8.45	9.6
Ilfracombe	8.03	9.3	8.23	9.4	Tees	5.33	5.5	6.06	5.5
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Johnson Matthey record

JOHNSON Matthey, the precious metals group, achieved record pre-tax profits of £66.8 million (£48.2 million) in the 12 months ended March 31. The final dividend rises to 6.25p (6p), making 9.25p (8.5p) for the year. A £4.8 million rationalisation programme is under way.

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Staveley rights

Staveley Industries, the measuring equipment group, is raising £27.4 million through a one-for-five rights issue at 150p to buy the 43 per cent of Weigh-Tronix, an American firm, that Staveley does not already own. In the year to end March, pre-tax profits rose 14.3 per cent to £28 million. A final dividend of 5.9p (5.5p) makes 8.2p (7.6p).

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Hanson moved £9.5bn of assets in secret restructuring

By Angela Mackay

HANSON plc embarked on a secret restructuring in 1989, involving the valuation and internal purchase of £9.5 billion of group assets mostly held in Panamanian and Bermudan subsidiaries.

The 1989 accounts for Hanson Overseas Holdings, a company incorporated in March 1989, show it acquired a substantial portfolio of subsidiary companies for £9,518,540,000.

The accounts, filed last July and audited by Ernst & Young in Hull, explain the purchase price was determined by the directors on the basis of "valuations of each subsidiary which have primary regard either to the net assets or to the potential earnings of the relevant subsidiary".

HOH has four directors. Two, Derek Bonham and Anthony Alexander, are executive directors of Hanson plc; another, Graham Dransfield, is an associate director and the fourth, Martin Murray, is a solicitor employed by Hanson plc.

Analysts who follow Hanson for leading stockbroking houses, including Nomura and County NatWest, said they were unaware of any far-reaching internal restructuring of the Hanson group in 1989 or at any other time. There is no mention of a restructuring in the 1989 or 1990 annual report and accounts.

There is no indication in the HOH accounts of what assets were involved in the purchase. Most of the 42 subsidiaries that house the assets are described as investment or group holding companies. Martin Taylor, a vice-chairman of Hanson plc, said the company had undergone "a major reorganisation of the ownership of the business because we had found that the management of various parts of the group did not match ownership".

He said the subsidiaries, listed in the HOH accounts as direct subsidiary companies that were acquired as part of the reorganisation, including those incorporated in Panama, Bermuda and Guernsey, contained "most of Hanson plc's assets certainly in the UK – the companies that do the trading".

Mr Taylor agreed this included companies such as Imperial Tobacco and SCM Chemicals, but not Consolidated Gold Fields, which was being bought during the reorganisation, and some cash on deposit. He said the structure of the group had been simplified and that there had been no need to telegraph the reorganisation because "it made no difference on a consolidated basis".

On the surface, the organisation of the group did not change in 1989. The group was still divided into three divisions in Britain and America: industrial, building products and consumer. Several more associate directors have been appointed from the end of the 1989 financial year.

Mr Taylor did not comment on the tax implications of any major restructuring nor would he break down the individual values of companies that made up the £9.5 billion package. He said he could not elaborate on how the directors arrived at the valuations. In the HOH accounts, the only clue offered is that the valuations based on earnings included the consideration of "the nature of business, earnings growth and valuations of similar businesses with Stock Exchange listings".

The valuation of the HOH portfolio of assets at £9.5 billion is lower than Hanson's market capitalisation at the end of the 1989 financial year of £11.4 billion – higher than the current market capitalisation of £10.66 billion. To put that in perspective, however, it should be noted that Hanson's current price/earnings ratio of 10.8 is well below the 13.3 reported at September 30, 1989.

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Retailers suffer 8% slump in sales

CBI reports more high street gloom

By Colin Narbrough, economics correspondent

GOVERNMENT hopes of an imminent consumer-led recovery from recession appear over-optimistic, given the deep gloom of the latest survey from the Confederation of British Industry.

The quarterly distributive trades survey showed retail businesses returning to the poor state they were signalling early this year, with little prospect of a sustained recovery in sales anticipated before year-end.

Retailers reported an 8 per cent slump in sales last month compared with May 1990, instead of the 12 per cent rise expected after flat sales in April and an 11 per cent pre-Budget jump in March.

Although a 13 per cent rise in sales is expected for this month, and business confidence is up, the CBI noted that such hopes had been disappointed in the past.

Dole queues, forecast to continue growing long after the economy starts to recover, are seen as the main factor inhibiting consumer spending.

Nigel Whittaker, chairman of the CBI distributive trades panel, said: "The risk of unemployment has now taken over from high interest rates as the main factor denting consumers' confidence."

With trading conditions in the high street reverting to the position at the beginning of the year, Mr Whittaker saw "little chance of a sustained recovery in retail sales until the end of the year at least".

Last month, retailers reported dismissing part-time staff for the first time since the surveys began eight years ago.

American retailers saw strong sales in May, according to official data out yesterday, providing the latest evidence of recovery there. Retail sales rose 1 per cent, as demand rose on a broad front, surprising Wall Street forecasters. But wholesale prices shot up by a surprisingly sharp 0.6 per cent, the biggest gain for seven months, mainly due to energy and tobacco prices.

The dollar, reflecting optimism about American recovery and unchanged German interest rates, reached its highest level against the mark since November 1989, touching DM1.8090. At the London close, the dollar was 1.10 pfennigs up at DM1.7995. The pound fell more than two cents to $1.6390, and by a quarter of a pfennig to DM2.9454.

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Rise in average earnings slows

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

A FURTHER decline in the rate of increase in average earnings has been claimed as encouraging by the government. The figures were announced yesterday, as John Banham, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, launched a stronger attack on the idea of more co-ordinated pay bargaining.

Data from the employment department showed that the underlying increase in average earnings across the economy fell in April, to 8.75 per cent, the fourth successive month to see a quarter-point fall.

Michael Howard, the employment secretary, said of the new figure: "This represents the longest sustained decline since the early Eighties and the annual rate of increase in average earnings is now a full 1.5 percentage points below its July 1990 peak." He said these were "encouraging signs". Mr Banham welcomed the decline in earnings, but said the "credulous" were now "tempted to return to the failed solutions of the past" in advocating a national economic assessment, which the Labour party and the TUC had been promoting.

Emphasising the need for relating pay to performance, Mr Banham said: "The lesson of the last three years is not that we should return to the days of beer and sandwiches. Rather it is that we must redouble our efforts to squeeze inflation out of the economy."

He said there was no evidence that trade unions could or even wanted to "deliver" their members' support for a national going rate: "The dispute between the electricians, engineering and general and municipal unions over minimum wage proposals show how little agreement there is."

Profit hopes for Mercury

By Martin Waller

MERCURY, the telephone offshoot of Cable and Wireless, will be cash-positive and contributing to profits in two years time, even after the heavy spending needed to expand the network, C&W says.

Pre-tax profits rose from £527 million to £609 million in the year to end-March but trading profits were barely changed at £563 million as the group suffered from the strong pound. The United Kingdom and Europe, which includes Mercury, was the only one of C&W's four regions to show a profits increase.

A final dividend of 8.1p makes 11.8p (10p). Mercury saw trading profits soar by 75 per cent to £116 million on turnover 47 per cent higher at £702 million. C&W predicts capital spending will be £1 billion a year in each of the next three years and Mercury will swallow £450 million of this.

Lord Young, chairman, said the underlying business remained strong, with turnover and pre-tax profit growing by 23 and 31 per cent respectively in local currencies.

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DENZIL MCNEELANCE



Seeking a level playing field: Marjorie Mowlam yesterday calling for stronger leadership for financial services

Mowlam wants City to be strong

THE financial services industry needs stronger leadership to give the strategic direction necessary to face competition from Europe, says Marjorie Mowlam, Labour's corporate and City affairs spokeswoman (Colin Narborough writes).

She made clear in lunchtime remarks to accountants at Lincoln's Inn Fields that she would like a future enterprise department to address the matter with urgency.

"The Financial Services Act is not working for consumers or for the industry," Dr Mowlam said. A central problem was the unclear relationship between the government and the Securities and Investments Board.

As members of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants sought to keep up with Dr Mowlam's breakneck delivery, she revealed her concern about the complacency being displayed over the City's future. She highlighted the lack of any institution with a general overview of the financial services.

Given the close coordination between governments and the private sector in other parts of Europe, the City was clearly not on a level playing field. But she added that there would be no return to the corporatism of Sixties.

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L&M incurs £100m loss

By Matthew Bond

THE pain continues at London & Metropolitan, the property developer, although the company's latest figures suggest losses are now accruing more slowly.

Yesterday, L&M announced pre-tax losses of £100 million for the year to end December, compared with a pre-tax profit of £10.4 million in 1989.

Even in the volatile property sector, the speed at which the company has plunged from modest profit to substantial loss is remarkable.

Most of the latest losses, however, were evident in the interim figures, which revealed pre-tax losses of £88.8 million, after the value of the company's investments and developments was written down by £84 million.

For the full year these provisions have risen to £88 million.

Having gained a stock market quote in 1986, L&M shares were suspended in October last year when the consortium that planned to redevelop London's County Hall collapsed.

The shares resumed trading only three months ago after a rescue refinancing involving a debt-for-equity swap was supported by the Bank of Scotland.

The refinancing also saw the departure of David Lewis, L&M's chief executive.

In the last five months to company has sold 13 properties worth £18.5 million in total.

Despite the sales, the company still has a negative net worth.

Its shares closed ¼p down at 4½p. As expected, there was no dividend (6.65p).

WEEKEND MONEY TOMORROW

PROFILE



Sir Peter Carey, the chairman of Dalgety, recalls in conversation with Gillian Bowditch that when he was a civil servant many people thought he was the prototype for Sir Humphrey of *Yes, Minister*

BUYING ABROAD

Lindsay Cook and Barbara Ellis look at home ownership throughout Europe as British lenders introduce the British way of housebuying to the Continent

POOR RETURNS

Sara McConnell looks at how a £2,000 investment with a company offering cheap share dealing turned into £324 after five years

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6390 (–0.0075)
German mark
2.9453 (–0.0028)
Exchange index
90.1 (–0.2)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1970.8 (–2.5)
FT-SE 100
2614.6 (–5.6)
New York Dow Jones
2957.07 (–4.92)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
24808.17 (+325.48)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Johnson Matthey	303½p (+10p)
Cable & Wireless	537p (+16p)
First Technology	275½p (+8p)
Lloyd Thompson	365p (+22p)
Siebe	456½p (+15p)
Tace	202½p (+12p)

FALLS:

Land Securities	501p (–9p)
Davies & Newman	145p (–6p)
Staveley	179½p (–11p)
Auto Sec	216p (–13p)
Racal Telecom	373p (–18p)
THORN EMI	736½p (–9p)*
Dunhill	451p (–11p)
Rank Org	684p (–11p)
British Aerospace	587½p (–10p)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11½%
3-month Interbank 11³⁄₁₆-11⅛%
3-month eligible bills 10²³⁄₃₂-10⅝%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 5¹¹⁄₁₆%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5 58-5 57%*
30-year bonds 95¾-95⁷⁄₁₆*

CURRENCIES

London	New York
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£ DM2 9453	$: DM1.7970*
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£ FFr9 9947	$. FFr6 0990*
£ Yen231 59	$. Yen141 37*
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GOLD

London Fixing:
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close $369 20-369.70 (£225.75-226 25)
New York:
Comex $369 75-370.25*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jul) $19 05 bbl ($18 00)
* Denotes latest trading price

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 133 1 April (1987=100)

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SE attacks trading protectionism

By Graham Searjeant

ANDREW Hugh Smith, the chairman of the London Stock Exchange, has accused continental countries of protectionism in drawing up rules for a single European Community market in investment services, in order to stifle competition and undermine London's existing advantage in cross-border securities trading.

Mr Hugh Smith made it clear that the Stock Exchange regarded the proposed Euroquote share trading system as a linked attempt to replace London's pan-European trading by ensuring that each Community member state would be able to protect its local exchange.

The Stock Exchange has rejected the Euroquote proposals as "a totally uncommercial approach" in which technological developments would determine market decisions about securities trading. Mr Hugh Smith said they were also clearly designed to compete with London's Seaq International system and would, therefore, not be in London's interest.



Hugh Smith: disturbed

The Seaq International system, which accounts for about half London share trading, handles more than two-thirds of cross-border trading in equities and a far higher percentage of cross-border trading in shares of companies based in the Community. Under the draft investment services directive Seaq International would not qualify as a recognised exchange.

"We could not live with directive as it stands" Mr Hugh Smith said. The trade department said that it would not agree to the existing draft, which was drawn up under the expiring Luxembourg EC presidency to accommodate proposals from France. Under the draft directive, existing cross-border trade might be eliminated under a supposed single market.

In the Stock Exchange's annual report, Mr Hugh Smith writes: "There are now disturbing signs, in more than one member state, of pre-emptive legislation, designed to enable domestic firms to establish protected market positions ahead of the single market. There is an increasing tendency for trade protection to be promoted aggressively."

The Stock Exchange, which has seen its proposals for a Europe-wide wholesale share market rejected, envisages one European market, based on a modified form of Seaq International, catering for institutional and professional trading in international companies, alongside national markets trading in smaller firms and smaller amounts.

In the year to March 24, the Stock Exchange made a trading surplus of £2.1 million on revenues little changed at £184 million, but a net loss of £5.1 million after development spending of £16.4 million.

Peter Rawlins, the chief executive was paid £249,000. Mr Hugh Smith said Mr Rawlins' salary was slightly lower than the £160,000 paid to his forerunner but he also received incentive payments.

In 1990 the consensus was a soft landing.

In 1991 the consensus is early recovery.

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Average Annual Compound rate of return 3 years to 31st December 1990	+13.3%	n.a.	+9.4%

*Please note that past performance is no guarantee of future performance SOURCE: CAPS

We would welcome the opportunity to tell you why we believe the consensus is wrong again.

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Reshuffle at FKI after profits fall

By MICHAEL TATE, CITY EDITOR

LESS than two years after its demerger from Babcock International, FKI must restructure again. All operations are under review and Norman Scoular, the chief executive, expects to make more disposals after four undertaken in the past 12 months.

Automation, transportation and special engineering products will remain the group's three core businesses, but each division will be streamlined, with less specialist, lower margin activities likely to be axed.

News of the review accompanied results for the year to March, showing pre-tax profits down from £54.7 million to £40.1 million. Mr Scoular blamed the weak dollar, which cost about £4.5 million, higher interest charges and the British and American recessions.

The final dividend is cut from 2p to 1.3p, reducing the total from 4p to 3.3p, although Mr Scoular argues that this is equivalent to an unchanged payment if the absence of any contribution from the demerged business is taken into account. Earnings are 6.71p against 9.38p.

There are also extraordinary charges of £16.9 million in connection with the rationalisation programme to date. About two-thirds relates to the imminent closure of a rail equipment factory.

The outlook for the present year is not much brighter. In his statement, Jeff Whalley, the FKI chairman, says there are "signs that the bottom of the trough may be approaching", but so far the only recovery is in one or two niche businesses in America.

Automation performed well enough, with every unit contributing higher profits, but transportation, while profitable overall, was unsatisfactory.

Losses were recorded by some parts of the engineering division.

Amber Day in £24.4m rights issue

AMBER Day Holdings, the discount retail group, is raising £24.4 million via a rights issue to fund the development of its successful What Everyone Wants shopping chain.

Shareholders are being offered one new share for every three held at 83p each. The offer is underwritten by Samuel Montagu. Existing shares fell from 101½p to 98p.

After a strong first half, when taxable profits trebled, Philip Green, the chairman, has forecast pre-tax profits of not less than £9.75 million for the full year, an increase of 223 per cent, with earnings of at least 6.82p (4.28p) a share. A final dividend of 1.7p a share is forecast, making 2.6p for the year, up 30 per cent.

Welsh Water boosts payout

By OUR FINANCIAL STAFF

Welsh Water has increased its dividend by 16.4 per cent to 19.5p, after pre-tax profits of £128 million in the year to end March, up 32 per cent from the pro forma estimate for 1989-90, thanks to higher than expected interest on its "green dowry" cash holdings of £187 million.

The dividend rise appears to exceed the guidelines suggested by Ian Byatt, the director general of water services. Welsh Water has, however, responded to Mr Byatt's concerns with commitments to accelerated or unscheduled capital spending from its higher than expected profits.

Some £25 million has been committed for treatment to coastal sewage outfalls, which was not included in the group's first five-year investment programme. Welsh Water has accelerated £10 million of spending on water quality and is allocating £10 million for grants to customers to replace lead pipes. The group invested £160 million last year, meeting its objectives.

Turnover rose 15 per cent to £293 million. This included £28 million outside the utility business, earning operating profits of £300,000. Net operating costs in the core business rose by only 3.2 per cent to £198 million.

John Elfed Jones, the chairman, said the 10 per cent stake in South Wales Electricity, bought last year, which is thought to have triggered Mr Byatt's new rules on diversification, would not draw funds or management resources from the core business.



'Always difficult': Chris Wright, chairman, says this year's losses were expected

Chrysalis loses £2.85m

By MARTIN WALLER

THE economic downturn, the Gulf war and other factors sent Chrysalis Group, the quoted record company with other entertainment interests, into a £2.85 million pre-tax loss for the half year to end February (£487,000 profit).

Shareholders will forego the interim dividend as a result. Last year a half-way payment of 2p was made.

Chris Wright, the chairman, said the losses were expected. "I expect next year will be quite a good year. But this year was always going to be difficult," he said.

Chrysalis suffered a dearth of substantial record releases, particularly in the important Christmas period, and other problems connected with its roster of artists.

Stock market observers say the group is not expected to make a profit in the current financial year despite improved fortunes and a number one hit in the British charts in the third quarter.

The performance of the other activities was mixed. The Lasgo export business and the music publishing companies made increased profits, but communications and media suffered from lack of demand in the run-up to the television franchise round and amusement machines were badly affected by the downturn in leisure spending.

Mr Wright said it was difficult to be optimistic about short-term trading prospects.

Chrysalis promises a reduction in group overheads and capital expenditure, including a freeze on directors' and senior management salaries.

The shares, which saw an upsurge in March on rumours of a management buy-out or a full bid from Thorn EMI, joint owner of the record business, dropped 2p to 79p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Smith New Court profits drop 48%

PRE-TAX profits at Smith New Court, the securities group, plunged 48 per cent to £7.57 million in the year ended April 26, well short of market forecasts of about £10 million. But SNC has raised the total dividend from 3p to 3.5p. Fully diluted earnings per share slumped from 16.8p to 8.8p.

Profits in the first half were depressed by Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, which caused business to evaporate in August and September. An extraordinary profit of £2.5 million, compared with a £4.1 million loss last time, was mainly derived from the sale of the lease on the former headquarters.

Zeiss firms to merge

THE merger between the two Carl Zeiss optical companies, which split after the second world war, is going ahead after Treuhand, the eastern German privatisation agency, agreed to pay DM2.7 billion for the restructuring of Carl Zeiss Jena.

Ernst faces SEC suit

THE Securities and Exchange Commission said it had filed a suit in America against Ernst & Young, the auditor, for allegedly misleading disclosures by the firm's predecessor, Arthur Young and Co, in connection with Republic Bank Corp.

Sabena subsidy near

EUROPEAN Transport Commissioner Karel Van Miert is set to approve a BFr 56.4bn (£929 million) Belgian government subsidy to help loss-making state airline Sabena, a European Commission spokesman said yesterday.

Van Miert expects Belgium to promise that the rescue package is a one-off item and that the government will make way for more competition with Sabena, the spokesman said. If those conditions are met, Van Miert is likely to ask his colleagues in the European Commission for backing and give approval in July.

Finlay holds total payout

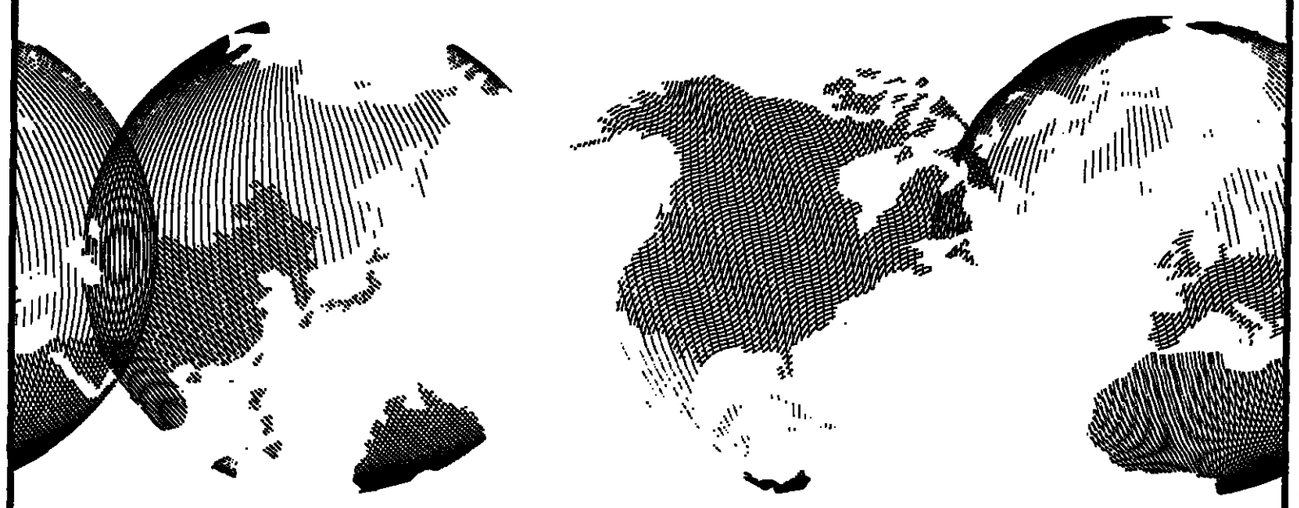
JAMES Finlay, the diversified plantations and tea group, reports pre-tax profits of £9.7 million (£12.3 million) for 1990 on turnover of £149.1 million (£183.5 million). A second interim dividend of 2.15p holds the total at 4.15p. Earnings per share were 6.2p (6.5p).

HTV chiefs take pay cut

NON-EXECUTIVE directors at HTV Group, the Welsh and west England ITV franchise-holder, will waive part of their salaries while executives face a wage freeze, Louis Sherwood, chairman, told the annual meeting. The payments waived total £34,000.

Growth worldwide pays dividends

- Profit before taxation has increased by 16% to £609m – an increase of £82m.
- Recommended full year dividend increased by 18% to 11.8p.
- Turnover exceeded £2.5 billion – an increase of 12%.
- Mercury trading profit has increased by 75% to £116m.



CABLE & WIRELESS ANNUAL RESULTS

(Audited Results)	1991 £m	1990 £m	% Growth
Turnover	2,593	2,316	12%
Profit before taxation	609	527	16%
Earnings per share	31.3p	31.3p	–
Recommended dividend per share	11.8p	10.0p	18%

CABLE & WIRELESS

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Recommended final dividend of 8.1p payable 1st October 1991.

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LIG lifts annual dividend

By OUR CITY STAFF

MORE demand for condoms because of growing Aids fears and population concerns helped inflate pre-tax profits of London International Group from £36.5 million to £39.3 million in the year to March.

But after a £5.8 million exceptional item relating to the ten-year £50 million convertible bond issued in 1987 – holders of which may, and are thought likely to, opt for an increase in the coupon next March, rather than convert – the pre-tax figure drops to £33.5 million.

After exceptionals, earnings per share ease to 17.4p (18.7p) but shareholders will collect a final dividend of 6.25p, making 9.25p for the year (8.35p).

Alan Woltz, the chairman, says that, besides condoms, which account for something under a quarter of group profits, the Biogel surgeons' gloves business performed well, achieving almost 10 per cent of its target market in America, while cough and cold cures and toiletries also progressed.

But the UK recession and losses in Spain affected its photoprocessing division, the largest independent in Europe, where profits fell £2 million to £14.5 million. The Spanish business has been closed, at the cost of £7.8 million.

COMPANY BRIEFS

CHILTERN RADIO (Int)
Pre-tax: Loss £234,000
LPS: 2.5p (EPS: 4.5p)
Div: 1p (1p)
Pre-tax profit last time was £403,000. Turnover £1.73 million (£1.89 million). Board is confident that its strategy is sound.

BRADSTOCK GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax: £3.73m (£4.02m)
EPS: 4.3p (4.3p)
Div: 1.35p (1.25p)
Second half of year expected to follow a similar pattern. Last year's earnings and dividend are adjusted for a scrip issue.

BARBOUR INDEX (Fin)
Pre-tax: £3.42m (£3.37m)
EPS: 13.8p (13.3p)
Div: 4.4p, mkg 6.6p
Total dividend last time was 6p. Plans for next year include a broadening of activities of health and safety division.

ERSKINE HOUSE (Fin)
Pre-tax: £12.1m (£15.6m)
EPS: 14.5p (19.7p)
Div: 4.35p, mkg 6.65p
Total dividend is unchanged from previous year. Net debt cut by £10m to £41.3m. Interest cover improved from 3.1 to 3.3.

ELSWICK (Fin)
Pre-tax: £2.22m (£2.42m)
EPS: 1.02p (1.58p)
Div: 0.38p, mkg 0.6p
Total dividend is unchanged. Redundancy and other expenses totalling £516,000 have been treated as exceptional items.

ELDRIDGE, POPE (Int)
Pre-tax: Loss £264,000
LPS: 1.3p (EPS: 0.2p).
Div: 0.875p (1.75p)
Pre-tax profit last time was £51,000. Given good weather and easing of the recession, group has the better half year ahead of it.

BTP (Fin)
Pre-tax: £18m (£17.2m)
EPS: 15.81p (13.64p)
Div: 5.45p, mkg 8.4p
Total dividend last time was 7.85p. Group continues to perform well and has achieved budget in the first two months of the current year.

WATSON & PHILIP (Int)
Pre-tax: £4.2m (£3.8m)
EPS: 9.3p (8.3p)
Div: 4p (3.1p)
The board is "cautiously optimistic" of further progress for the remainder of the year. Turnover £220.6m (£205.3m).

LOCKER (THOMAS) (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.64m (£3.01m)
EPS: 2.75p (4.6p)
Div: 1.1p, mkg 1.6p
Total dividend is unchanged. Turn over £40.5m (£43.3m). Board warns of "significantly lower profit" in first half of current year.

MIL HOLDINGS (Fin)
Pre-tax: £6.3m (£10.6m)
EPS: 8.3p (13.8p)
Div: 2.6p, mkg 3.45p
Total dividend is unchanged. A number of acquisition opportunities have been identified. Gearing is 79 per cent.

CROPPER (JAMES) (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.48m (£1.02m)
EPS: 15p (12p)
Div: 1.925p, mkg 2.9p
Total dividend for previous year was 2.7p. A reasonable start has been made to current year with near normal running conditions.

RCO HOLDINGS (Int)
Pre-tax: £2.06m (£1.73m)
EPS: 12.48p (10.29p)
Directors confident year's figures will "comfortably exceed" last year. Interim dividend 4.2p (3.5p).

GREENCORE (Int)
Pre-tax: Ir£14.4m
EPS: Ir17.32p (Ir14.29p)
Pre-tax profit last time, Ir£11.65m. "Satisfactory outcome" expected for full year. No interim (same).

YJ Lovell falls 60% at halfway

YJ LOVELL, the housebuilder and contractor, has reported pre-tax profits of £1.5 million for the six months to end March, 60 per cent down on a year ago.

Lovell's shares have been boosted by Taylor Woodrow raising its stake to 4.9 per cent of Lovell's ordinary equity. The interim dividend is maintained at 2.2p.

Bid extended

Tate & Lyle, the British sweetener group, is to extend its Aus$4.10 (£1.89) a share takeover bid for Bundaberg Sugar to July 9, but the offer, which is final, will lapse if it does not receive 50 per cent acceptances by June 28.

BAT result

The German operations of BAT, the tobacco and financial services group, recorded an operating profits rise from DM266 million (£90.4 million) to DM307 million last year.

Cray undecided

Cray Electronics is undecided on whether to continue bidding for SD-Scicon, the software company, after the emergence of a rival £116.2 million offer from Electronic Data Systems, a subsidiary of General Motors. Cray has until Monday to decide whether to revise its offer.

James Cropper PLC

The following are the unaudited preliminary figures for the year ended 30th March, 1991:

Group Profit and Loss Account	1991 £'000	1990 £'000
Turnover	38,374	39,148
Profit before taxation and extraordinary items	1,476	1,024
Taxation	250	44
Profit before extraordinary items	1,226	980
Extraordinary items	–	66
Profit attributable to shareholders	1,226	1,046
Dividends:		
Interim – 0.975p (1990 0.875p)	80	71
Proposed final – 1.925p (1990 1.825p)	158	149
Amount set aside to reserves	988	826
Earnings per share of 25p	15.0p	12.0p

Pre-tax profits have increased by 44% compared to last year, with good performances from the papermaking and converting divisions. The decline in pulp prices benefited the first half year. Margins weakened during the second half year as the recession affected the company's markets.

The main achievement has been the replacement of No. 3 MG Machine with a very advanced 3.25 metre wide Fourdrinier Machine without too seriously affecting the profits of the year.

Although the present trading conditions are difficult, a reasonable start has been made to the current year with near normal running conditions.

The major investments in plant and machinery and in a well trained work force put the company in a strong position to benefit from any upturn in the economy.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at Burneside Mills, Kendal, on Thursday, 1st August, 1991, at 10.30 a.m.

Hanson's low-key reshuffle

COMMENT

It is a rum affair indeed when one of Britain's largest companies carries out a substantial reorganisation of its businesses without telling shareholders. Hanson has done exactly that. And the scale of the exercise would suggest that a passing remark or two might be in order. Directors of the subsidiary involved, who interestingly do not include either Lord Hanson or Lord White, have attributed a value of more than £9.5 billion to the companies concerned.

Nothing like that amount is shown in the consolidated accounts for 1989, when the reorganisation took place. At the end of the financial year, September 30, tangible assets were listed in the accounts as having a value of £2.4 billion while investments were included at just short of £1 billion. Mr Martin Taylor, the vice chairman, said yesterday that since the reorganisation, which involved a network of companies in well established tax havens, made no difference to the consolidated group accounts, it was not detailed. Shareholders of Hanson, and even those of ICI, may not find it easy to understand just how the bulk of this £9.5 billion washes out of the accounts when they are consolidated, but Mr Taylor declined to give further details.

There is doubtless a perfectly innocent explanation for the mysterious Hanson Overseas Holdings company. But its precise role in the empire and its involvement with tax-havens is opaque to say the least. This lack of clarity may not trouble investors at large in normal times. But these are far from normal times for Hanson. As long as Hanson is believed to be planning a bid for our largest chemicals company, and even more so if a bid is forthcoming, the philosophy, style and operational techniques of the group will be subjected to a great deal of scrutiny.

Hanson's image was damaged by its bid for the Imperial Group which successfully raised issues such as Hanson's ability to grow the businesses which it has acquired over the years, its use of perfectly allowable but highly favourable accounting conventions, and its need for ever greater takeovers in order to maintain its pattern of growth.

Revelations of a £9.5 billion reorganisation, conducted with a minimum of reference to shareholders, are unlikely to soothe concerns which linger after the Imperial takeover.

Brave words

One of *Yes, Minister*'s best running jokes was when Sir Humphrey Appleby, the smoothly manipulative permanent secretary, described the hapless Jim Hacker's latest notion as "brave". White-faced, Hacker would clutch at a passing table, terrified by the electorally-disastrous vision of doing something brave in politics

Michael Howard is a brave man. The employment secretary yesterday boldly went where no-one has gone before: he suggested that the rate of increase in unemployment may have slowed down.

Backed up by some improvements in unemployment flows, by the smaller than expected rise in unemployment last month, and by May's increase being the smallest so far this year, Mr Howard chose to disregard other details. Yesterday's rise was also the largest increase in unemployment in May on record. Despite the sick figures from the CBI on spending in the high street, he seemed to be starting to see a recovery.

Two points are clear. The first is that the dreadful and lengthy post-Christmas roll-call of job losses has eased. At the beginning of the year, hardly a day went by without yet another company tolling out large-scale redundancy figures. No-one seemed immune: from tiny companies in the west Midlands which made no news columns beyond their local weekly papers, to Marks and Spencer and IBM, the job cuts came. Unsurprisingly, the unemployment figures soared.

That is no longer the case. The rate and number of such announcements is noticeably less than it was, though that is not to say that the recession has yet stopped claiming its victims.

But against Mr Howard's brave suggestion is the idea, becoming clearer with each worthwhile business survey and potentially ready to be given full shape in the CBI's authoritative quarterly trends survey next month, that what looked like an improvement in March may have been only temporary, and that a recovery, far from starting in the second half of this year, may now with luck get underway as the year draws to a close.

If that is the case, and next month's unemployment figures show an increase substantially larger than yesterday's rise, Mr Howard's suggestion – however cautious – of an easing of unemployment could look very brave indeed.

Labour warns

There was a sting in the tail of the impressively delivered speech yesterday by Dr Marjorie Mowlam, Labour's spokesmanon City and corporate affairs.

Dr Mowlam delivered a not so veiled warning to accountants that a Labour Government would be ready to enact reforms which go far beyond those already in train. Her remarks implied a judgment that Labour is unhappy with the essentially self-regulatory regime currently in force and prefers control by statute.

TEMPUS

Doubts outweigh profits in judging C&W rating

GIVEN that the annual figures from Cable and Wireless do little to mitigate the uncertainties that have had the shares underperforming the market over the past year, it is hard to see what prompted a 16p jump in the share price to 537p yesterday.

C&W came in with a pre-tax figure of £609 million for the year, up from £527 million and at the top end of forecasts. Profits were depressed by £80 million because of the strength of sterling against the dollar. Set against this, net interest and other income swung from a £47 million deficit to a £32 million profit.

This last figure highlights the rate at which cash is flowing out to fund C&W's capital expenditure programme. In March 1990 the group received £800 million from the Chinese for part of its holding in Hong Kong Telecom, boosting interest earned in the early part of the 1990-1 financial year; by the end of the year' cash balances were £500 million lighter and C&W was a net borrower again.

Over the next three years gearing is pledged to rise no further than the mid-30s. By that time, Mercury, on the latest internal forecast, will be cash-positive. The concerns remain Hong Kong post-1997, despite soothing noises reported by Lord Young, the C&W chairman, on visits to Beijing; the duopoly review; personal communications networks (PCNs) and price-cutting by British Telecom on international lines.

The uncertainties make a premium rating of nearly 16 times prospective earnings, assuming £720 million pre-tax this year, hard to justify. The shares could continue to benefit short term from further switching from BT and Racal Telecom, but on a medium-term view, outperformance seems unlikely.

JAMES CALVERT–JONES



Share price beset by uncertainties: Gordon Owen, the managing director (left), announcing the C&W 1991 results with Lord Young, the chairman, yesterday

Staveley

IT IS only 15 months since Staveley Industries, the mineral salt to measuring equipment group, had a rights issue. Then, it was a 1-for-4 call at 150p to pay for Howe Richardson, an American industrial weighing business whose main appeal was its European operations.

Now, the company has weighed in with a 1-for-5 issue, again at 150p. The £27.4 million proceeds are to be used to acquire the minority interest in Weigh-Tronix, Staveley's other American measurement business.

The $19 a share offer for the 43 per cent of Weigh-Tronix not already owned should account for about £14 million. Although the size of the uncommitted balance raised some eyebrows, the company is reasonably convincing when it argues that the additional money will keep gearing to the modest level at which Staveley can safely look for add-on acquisitions. Assuming the Weigh-Tronix deal goes through on current terms, gearing will drop from a year-end 42 per cent to 12 per cent.

The results for the year suggest Staveley is surviving the recession just about as well as can be expected. Pre-tax profits advanced 14.3 per cent to £28 million, with earnings per shares showing only modest dilution, due to the Howe Richardon deal. They fell from 21.6p to 21.2p. The total dividend is 8.2p (7.6p).

Further modest dilution looks inevitable this year, assuming the Weigh-Tronix deal goes through. Recession will effectively counter the beneficial impacts of the rights issue proceeds and, according to Smith New Court, the company will do well to make £27.5 million profits this year. At 180p, the shares are marginally above their theoretical ex-rights price, which is on an adjusted price/earnings multiple of ten. Unexciting.

Johnson Matthey

THE new management knife that has peeled Johnson Matthey like an onion, trimming JM from 77 business units to 35 units, has further operations to perform in 1991. But a more efficient and financially stronger JM has emerged after £14 million of rationalisation costs that were charged against the previous year's profits and a further £4.8 million charged against latest profits.

The first proof of a recovery that was just waiting to happen is record pre-tax profits of £66.8 million for the year ended March 31 – achieved despite the recession – compared with profits of £48.2 million previously.

Certain JM interests that are not yet achieving the targeted returns of 20 per cent on net assets are now receiving the surgeon's attention and, but for currency movements, operating profits would have been £3.7 million higher.

JM's final dividend goes up from 6p to 6.25p, making 9.25p (8.5p), and after a gross £5.3 million exceptional profit generated by shedding surplus rhodium stocks, there should be a further rhodium stock profit this year.

JM's results are an encouraging pointer to Charter Consolidated, holder of 38.6 per cent and reporting on Tuesday, though investors banking on a JM takeover play must first wait for Minorco (owner of 36 per cent of Charter and with its own direct platinum connections to consider) to play its hand.

JM looks set for pre-tax profits of about £69 million this year and, at 304p, up 10p, trades on 12.2 times' prospective earnings. Buy.

Jury is still out over rise in jobless

UNEMPLOYMENT in the current recession may be following the pattern of the previous major downturn in the early Eighties, according to calculations by the employment department.

The calculations suggest that if this is the case, then the rate of increase in unemployment may have passed its peak.

The figures worked out by employment department officials are being used to support the government's contention, declared yesterday, that in overall terms, unemployment may be easing.

While Whitehall officials expect unemployment to continue to rise for many months, they believe that if the current pattern of unemployment is following that of 1980-1, then the worst of the monthly increases in the number of people out of work may now have passed.

Although this is a tentative conclusion, if correct, it is likely to be of some comfort to ministers, companies and employees.

Ministers have been open to criticism over the speed at which unemployment is rising. Some unemployment analysts suggest that this statistic is of greater importance to people than the overall number of those without work.

As the recession of the early Eighties started to bite, so unemployment started to increase. It actually started to rise consistently in November 1979, when it stood at 1,044,300, and continued to rise until its peak of 3,124,000 in July 1986.

But over that period, the pattern of the monthly increases was rather different, starting with a rise of 10,700 and moving up relatively smoothly to a peak monthly increase of 109,600 in October 1980. Although the figures continued to rise for five years after that, at no point was the monthly increase ever that large again.

Now, employment department officials are wondering whether that pattern is repeating itself. From its 1986 peak, unemployment fell for 3¾ years to March last year, when it started to increase again, from 1,606,600.

After that, the pattern of monthly increases continued; not quite steadily, but on a very clear upward trend, until March of this year, when unemployment rose 111,200 to 2,091,000.

So far, in this round of rising unemployment, that has been the peak increase. Since then, the rises, although there are only two months' worth, have been markedly less: 82,600 in April, to a total of 2,173,600, and then yesterday's figure for May of 70,600, to a total of 2,244,200.

Running through the two sets of figures, the pattern is similar: the rapidly accelerating rate to an early peak (and at roughly the same level), then a slow decline in the rate of increase. Ministers will be distressed if the pattern is followed too closely: Michael Howard, the employment secretary, is unlikely to be happy with a repeat of a five-year unemployment tail.

The pattern fits, too, with the stages each recession had reached by the time the rise in unemployment peaked. The downturn of the early Eighties was at its worst in the first quarter of 1981, two or three months after the unemployment rises passed their peak. When this recession will bottom out is the subject of speculation among economists, but if the forecasts of the Treasury, the Confederation of British Industry and others are close to being right, then the recovery will come in the second half of this year – a few months after what may be the peak increase in unemployment in this cycle.

Backed up by improvements in the numbers both joining and leaving the unemployment count in May, and some improvement in vacancies, the government's claim that the rises in unemployment may perhaps have now peaked cannot be anything other than tentative. But if the improvement in the economy in March turns out to be a blip, and yesterday's poor figures from the CBI on high street sales suggest it might, then as a lagging indicator, the rise in unemployment in March may turn out *not* to be the peak. The argument over unemployment still looks wide open.

PHILIP BASSETT
Industrial Editor

Michael Howard is unlikely to be happy with a repeat of a five-year unemployment tail

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Hake stays a step ahead

CARR Kitcat & Aitken was delighted to have lured the two-man building analysts' team away from Greig Middleton, the regional stockbroker. The company was especially happy because Lawrence Amboldt and Leslie Kent, who left Middleton last week and start at Carr Kitcat & Aitken next month, would be reunited with Mark Hake, the present building analyst, who worked with the two at Morgan Grenfell and followed them to CIBC Securities. Unfortunately, Hake has other ideas. To Carr's horror, he has announced that he is to join Nikko Securities, the third biggest Japanese securities house, hence keeping one step ahead of his former colleagues. He starts on Monday.

Options open

CAMERON Boyle, former director of County NatWest WoodMac has turned up at Brabant Resources after a six-month break from the City. He is, it is believed, unlikely to find his new non-executive role enough to keep him busy. Boyle, aged 53, who was laid off by County last Christmas after helping bring Brabant to the USM in October, is hungry for new challenges. Boyle, who began his City life as a salesman with De Zoete & Bevan in the Sixties, and went on to run WoodMac's American operations, says: "I am looking at a number of options."

Bikuben anthem

CALLERS to the London office of Bikuben, the Danish financial house, are queueing up to be placed on hold. For after tiring of the usual electronic *Greensleeves*, beloved of many British companies, the bank has tracked down the original version of *Wonderful Copenhagen* sung by Danny Kaye. James Cox, head of market-making, who dreamed up the idea, with the blessing of his superiors in Denmark, says: "We thought it would cheer people up. They thought it was interesting."

Delegate shopped

ANYONE who has had to sit through a boring conference will sympathise with Antonio Rogerio Magri, Brazil's labour minister, who was spotted shopping for jewellery in Geneva when he should have been attending the annual meeting of the International Labour Organisation. Magri, a former electricity worker and union leader, was panned by critics at home but forgiven by Fernando Collor de Mello, his country's youthful president, who is standing by him. "We are humans," says the president graciously. "No-one should be made to sacrifice for an error, if in it there was no malice or dishonesty."

Taxi prank

TWO Japanese business executives arriving at Heathrow decided to travel to the City by taxi. The taxi-driver, with a twinkle in his eye, told them they had a choice of first or second class. If they travelled first class, they could sit on the big seat at the back, and pay double on the meter. If they chose second class, they had to sit on the jump seats, facing backwards, and pay the regular fare. They went second class.

Gifts fit for King

LORD King of Wartnaby was in Renfrew, Scotland, this week for the centenary celebrations of Babcock International Group, of which he is chairman. He left clutching an engraving of the original Babcock prospectus under one arm and a bronze statue under the other. Andreas Schluter of Deutsche Babcock, a former associate company, reminded him of the two-tier board system favoured in Germany – a supervisory one and an executive one. Lord King says: "I am quite happy with such a system, as long as they do not introduce it in Britain."

JON ASHWORTH

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ACCOUNT	AMOUNT INVESTED	GROSS RATE OF INTEREST P.A.*	GROSS C.A.R.**	NET†
BRISTOL TRIPLE BONUS (New accounts not available.) Rates also apply to Bristol Plus Account.	£25,000+	8.25%		6.19%
	£10,000+	7.75%		5.81%
	£5,000+	7.25%		5.44%
	£500+	6.25%		4.69%

				NET† C.A.R.**
No. 1 INCOME (New accounts not available.) Interest payable monthly.	£50,000+	9.57%	10.00%	7.42%
	£25,000+	9.11%	9.50%	7.05%
	£10,000+	8.65%	9.00%	6.69%
	£500+	7.72%	8.00%	5.95%
BRISTOL TRIPLE BONUS MONTHLY INCOME (New accounts not available.) Interest payable monthly.	£10,000+	7.49%	7.75%	5.77%
	£5,000+	7.02%	7.25%	5.40%
	£500+	6.08%	6.25%	4.66%
OVERSEAS MONTHLY INCOME (Interest payable monthly.)	£25,000+	10.57%	11.10%	
	£10,000+	9.75%	10.10%	
	£5,000+	9.20%	9.60%	
	£1,000+	8.88%	9.25%	
OVERSEAS 3 MONTH CAPITAL Also applies to International and First Class Bond	£25,000+	11.10%		
	£10,000+	10.10%		
	£5,000+	9.60%		
	£1,000+	9.25%		
OVERSEAS PRIME ACCESS	£25,000+	10.00%		
	£10,000+	9.70%		
	£5,000+	9.25%		
	£500+	8.75%		
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Privatisation programme involves 50 key firms

Czechs plan $4.5bn sell-off

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU, EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

PRIVATISATION in Czechoslovakia is gaining momentum with the launch of a $4.5 billion privatisation plan by the Czech republic, announced in London yesterday.

The programme involves the privatisation of 50 key industrial companies, including Skoda Plsen, the power generator, and Tatra, the truck maker, raising a total of $1.5 billion. The Czech national government hopes to raise a further $3 billion next year.

The plan underlines the different approaches of the Czech national and federal government, whose finance minister, Vaclav Klaus, has spearheaded a more radical privatisation scheme, including the wholesale transfer of state assets to the public via investment vouchers, instead of asset sales to foreigners. The size of the Czech national privatisation programme exceeds previous estimates and amounts to a challenge to Mr Klaus's voucher scheme. Under Czechoslovak law, privatisation is the prerogative of the two republics, while the federal government's role is limited to framework legislation.

Jan Vrba, the Czech industry minister, said vouchers would only play a subordinate role in the republic.

"In the case of Skoda Plsen, a 100 per cent voucher privatisation would lead to bankruptcy. What we need to find is a foreign partner. For us, privatisation is not a goal in itself. It is just the means to revitalise our companies." This view stands in stark contrast to that of Mr Klaus, who places stronger emphasis on private ownership than perceived economic efficiency.

Mr Vrba said the government was holding talks with several leading power equipment manufacturers over the Skoda Plsen privatisation,



Vaclav Klaus: challenge

including Siemens, Westinghouse and ABB.

Mr Vrba said his government was trying to lure more than just companies into the country. "We will of course monitor the direction the capital comes from and we will try to maintain the balance of western investors. We will of course encourage British investors but my friends at Bankers Trust try to explain to me that British investors are active, but I can't see any of that in Czechoslovakia."

He said Western lethargy could be overcome if large companies sent out signals, as Volkswagen did through its takeover of the Skoda car manufacturer last year.

The privatisation approach of the Czech government mirrors that of the Treuhand, the eastern German privatisation agency. Like the Treuhand, the Czech government is dividing the industrial sector under its auspices, comprising 1,450 companies, into three categories: ones that can be sold off immediately; those needing restructuring; and those that will go bankrupt. He said Czech privatisation would be smoother than the eastern German and would lead to less unemployment because Czechoslovakia had a more realistic exchange rate.

Specialist hire helps Salvesen rise to £66.6m

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

STRONG results from Christian Salvesen's specialist hire business helped increase the distribution group's profits for the year to end March despite the slowdown in the retail sector. Salvesen's main customer group.

Pre-tax profits rose 7.2 per cent to £66.6 million on sales up 11 per cent at £423 million.

Earnings per share rose 10.7 per cent to 16.6p and the final dividend is 3.85p making 6.6p for the year, an increase of 10 per cent. The fluctuations in the dollar exchange rate cost the group £1.1 million in pre-tax profits.

Specialist hire, including Aggreko, Salvesen's business which makes and hires out power generators in Europe, America and the Far East, saw profits rise from £15.8 million to £21.8 million.

There was a £13.3 million extraordinary item made up of three elements. Salvesen withdrew from the truck hire business in Britain and more than 90 per cent of its distribution business comes from long-term contracts with large retail groups such as Marks and Spencer and Asda. The German distribution operation was scaled down and there was a write-off against a Unilever contract.

The distribution business made a trading profit of £27.5 million, no change on last year. The volume of business with Marks and Spencer expanded with Salvesen operating a £15 million regional distribution centre in Sheffield for M&S.

The manufacturing division saw profits fall by £2 million to £18.2 million.

Salvesen shares rose 7p to 209p.

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	1,339	Cadbury	1,496	Lloyds	2,443	Rothmans 'B'	236
Allid-Lyons	977	CU	2,098	Lonrho	876	Royal Bank	1,912
Anglian	1,594	Courtaulds	943	Lucas	873	Royal Ins	1,110
ASDA	2,731	Enterprise	587	M&S	5,753	Sainsbury	1,285
AB Foods	1,155	Eurotunnel	180	Maxwell Cm	179	Scot & N	283
Argyll	2,572	Fisons	1,059	MEPC	321	Sears	1,458
Arjo Wigg	1,593	Forte	782	Midland	1,930	Severn Trst	1,313
BAA	288	Gen Acc	1,133	Natl Power	4,131	Shell	3,080
BET	789	GEC	3,842	Nat West	3,149	Smith & N	1,264
BTR	1,032	Glaxo	4,478	N W Water	1,220	SK Beech	1,158
BAT	1,135	Grand Met	995	P&O	1,036	Sun Allince	586
Barclays	2,197	GUS 'A'	233	Pearson	51	Tarmac	4,882
Bass	798	GRE	1,056	Pilkington	2,775	Tate Lyle	1,344
BICC	887	Guinness	1,154	PowerGen	3,131	TSB	2,836
Bk Scotind	674	Hamm 'A'	184	Prudential	7,880	Tesco	3,091
Blue Circle	272	Hanson	5,777	Racal	9,144	Thames Wtr	1,346
BOC	583	H & C	573	Rk Hovis	933	Thorn EMI	717
Boots	3,290	Hawker	419	Rank	1,092	Trafalgar	3,597
Br Aero	3,198	Hillsdown	1,930	R&C	283	Unimer	2,686
Br Airways	1,941	ICI	752	Redland	489	Unilever	877
Br Gas	5,284	Kingfisher	598	Reed	148	United Bis	1,886
Br Petrol	4,769	Lasmo	669	Reuters	381	Wellcome	1,145
Br Steel	2,719	Ladbroke	1,378	RMC Gp	256	Whitbrd	644
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W'wide Bond	44.99	47.79	+0.11	1.75
W'wide Sp Sits	46.95	50.11	+0.20	1.20
Do accum	48.54	51.70	+0.21	1.20
Cushion Gen Inc	103.9	110.5	-0.02	2.12
Cushion Inc Acc	91.50	97.31	-0.09	2.12
Cushion Intl Acc	109.9	116.9p	+0.61	0.01

COMMERCIAL UNION PRESTIGE FUND MANAGEMENT

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Finance/Prop	85.36	90.81	+0.07	3.80
Fixed/Conv	33.55	35.69p	+0.03	9.15
Do Acc	77.22	82.15p	+0.09	9.15
Equity Acc	152.1	161.8	+2.37	1.39
High Yield Inc	106.3	112.7p	-0.39	6.96
Int Inc	94.64	100.7p	..	9.91
Do Acc	95.34	101.5p	..	9.91
Preference Inc	36.47	40.93	+0.06	10.91
Do Acc	171.1	182.1	+0.23	10.61
PPT Cannon	59.44	63.85	+0.11	0.00
PPT Commod	48.80	51.28	-0.12	4.46
PPT Europe	130.0	139.5	-0.5	0.77
PPT Global	91.17	95.07	+0.28	3.62
PPT Gth/Inc	94.29	100.1	+0.08	3.62
PPT Jap	110.9	118.0	+1.26	0.62
PPT Mngd/M	76.00	80.85	+0.26	0.00
PPT UK	96.90	103.0	-0.25	1.58
PPT US	107.5	114.4	+0.55	0.65
PPT Cash	91.64		+0.02	13.59
W'wide Alpha	84.97	90.48	..	0.00
Do Accom	68.22	70.45	..	0.00

EPH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 696029

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer	88.54	94.18	+0.10	1.15
Capit	115.9	123.1p	+0.2	2.44
Convertible	21.78	23.14p	-0.09	5.43
Eurofund	32.22	34.76	-0.15	1.15
Property Mngd	94.3	100.2		5.00
Extra Inc	83.66	87.95p	-0.28	7.55
Growth/Inc	186.8	211.2	-1.1	5.09
High Dist	140.7	149.5p	-0.8	9.98
High Inc	96.91	106.7p	-0.40	6.98
Inc/Growth	121.9	130.1p	+0.5	6.28
Intl	266.5	286.3	+0.1	1.54
Intl Inc	92.97	97.10p	-0.16	5.15
Pacific	39.27	41.41	+0.05	0.57
Smlr Jap Cos	73.53	76.19	+1.53	0.00
Tokyo	181.0	191.7	+3.9	0.00
Ex Acc 2	158.8	164.2	..	1.32
Ex Jap 3	191.6	202.9p	..	0.00
Ex Smlr Jap 4	814.6	831.5	+31.5	0.06

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
F East/Gen	51.15	54.42	+0.98	0.00
Do Acc	51.15	54.42	+0.98	0.00
Gen/Inc	234.0	249.0	+3.6	9.13
Do Acc	233.1	248.0	+3.6	2.13
Growth	297.0	305.4	+1.0	3.07
Do Acc	488.9	466.6	-1.8	3.07
Inc &Gth Inc	358.8	346.6	-0.7	3.07
Do Acc	392.7	421.0	-0.9	3.07
Master Portf	254.07	66.50	+0.39	2.89
Do Acc	292.72	97.91	+0.56	2.89
Select Fund	93.77	97.85	-0.37	3.10
High Yld Exmt	210.18	10.50p	-0.01	5.88
Do Acc	210.88	11.23p	-0.01	5.88

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 517888

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilmid Cp Acc	64.82	69.02	+0.54	1.23
Japanese	66.77	70.33	+0.11	0.00
UK Balan Inc	94.09	100.1p	-0.10	3.48
UK Ml Inc	119.7	113.9p	+0.2	5.80
UK Ml Inc Acc	121.1	128.8p	+0.2	5.80
N Amer Acc	79.71	84.80	-0.03	1.06
Euro Acc	107.5	114.4	-0.1	0.24
UK Prof/Fl Inc	82.66	86.89p	-0.12	6.46
Do Acc	76.81	80.10p	-0.17	6.46
Intl Sp S Acc	41.37	44.04	+0.40	0.65
Emrgnt Opp	53.2	56.6	-0.1	1.42

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
41, Hertington Gardens London SW7 4JU Tel: 071 370 7261

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Endurance	147.7	157.1	+0.1	1.91

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Weston Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 481480

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Pension	103.5	109.0	-0.13	5.00
High Inc	107.0	112.7p	-0.16	6.57
Gt/Fxd Interest	48.98	51.56	+0.05	9.59
T Of Inv Tr	111.8	117.6	+0.11	3.14
Special Sits	95.05	100.1	-0.56	4.32
Tr Am	77.12	81.18	+1.05	1.18
Tr Far East	192.2	191.8	+2.97	1.38
Intl Gth	76.33	80.35	+0.27	2.53
Euro	87.1	80.19	-0.2	1.83
Smlr Cos	83.76	86.58p	-0.06	4.72

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Nav Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QD Tel: 0203 553021

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Gth Accum	255.4	271.6	-1.1	3.66
Do Inc	182.0	204.2	-0.8	5.55
Higher Inc Acc	482.1	512.4	-2.1	5.08
Do Inc	288.0	318.1	-0.5	5.08
Gilts/Fxd Acc	192.8	198.6	-0.1	9.12
Do Inc	78.46	83.64	-0.05	9.12
N America	169.3	180.3	+2.0	0.00
Far East	233.5	248.5	+3.8	0.00
Europe	211.8	225.4	-0.3	0.00
Gensl	362.3	374.6	-1.3	3.57
Gensl Acc	384.0	382.8	-1.5	3.57
Do Excellence	91.77	98.57p	-0.27	3.57
Sr Funds Inc	57.69	61.23	-0.05	8.16
Do Acc	67.67	71.89	-0.05	8.16
Global Ops	57.16	60.81p	+0.16	0.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Americas	161.1	170.3	+0.2	0.00
Capital Unit	129.45	0+0.02		12.00
European	99.35	106.1	-0.11	0.00
Extra Inc	194.4	193.5p	-0.4	4.88
Far East	167.2	177.9p	-0.4	7.72
UK Gth	90.33	93.86	-0.42	0.00

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Fire Primrose Street London EC2A 2NY Tel: 071-628 8000

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Smlr Cos	276.3	300.1	-0.2	..
Do Acc	282.3	306.6	-0.1	..
Capit Inc	235.1	260.0	-0.1	3.39
Do Acc	311.3	331.1	-0.1	3.33
Conv Inc	104.8	111.6p	+0.2	7.41
Do Acc	104.8	111.6c	+0.3	7.41
Euro Inc	172.8	183.1c	+0.4	7.41
Do Acc	192.8	204.3p	+0.5	7.41
Far East Inc	82.78	88.06p	+0.39	0.30
Extra Inc Inc	246.7	262.4	-0.2	6.01
Do Acc	314.8	334.8	-0.2	6.01
Fin Inc	84.43	89.82p	+0.14	3.84
Inc	82.34	68.31p	+0.34	5.88
Inc Trust	159.3	169.4p	-0.3	5.88
Ind Gth	208.5	218.4p	-0.5	5.88
Ind Inc	268.3	285.1	+1.1	..
Jap & Gen Inc	162.1	173.8	+4.2	..
Do Acc	169.7	178.5	+4.2	..
Managed Port	77.87	81.96	+0.11	1.76
Do Acc	77.87	81.96	+0.11	1.76
Monthly Inc	120.7	128.3p	-0.8	6.83
Recov	205.6	224.0	+0.2	2.12
Smlr Cos	228.4	242.9	+0.1	0.00
Do Acc	36.98	41.44	-0.09	4.14
Gth Gth Inc	42.22	44.91	-0.10	4.14
Do Acc	69.85	69.74	+0.01	9.16
Gth Gth Inc	65.13	69.25	+0.01	9.16
Do Acc	65.13	69.25	+0.04	9.15
Do Acc	62.82	64.57	-0.05	9.15

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1QA Tel: 0306 740999

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Dist	276.9	294.5p	+0.35	3.64
Do Acc	332.2	353.4p	+0.42	3.64
Euro Gth Dist	93.90	99.86	-0.56	0.66
Do Acc	94.86	101.0	-0.34	0.66
Fixed Int Dist	110.6	117.2p	+0.11	8.52
Do Acc	170.3	181.0p	+0.17	8.52
Int Gth Dist	84.58	89.70p	+0.32	0.66
Do Acc	96.16	70.39p	+0.33	0.66
N Am Dist	149.1	159.2	+0.54	1.32
Do Acc	181.5	191.2	+0.56	1.32
Pac Basin Dist	204.4	217.4	+0.53	0.33
Do Acc	208.3	219.4	+0.53	0.33
Stwd Dist	231.7	246.5p	+0.06	2.75
Do Acc	254.6	281.1p	+0.08	2.75
Smlr Cos Dist	51.85	55.16	..	0.12
Do Acc	58.40	63.19p	..	0.12
Nam Stwd Dist	72.36	77.00	+0.25	0.45
Do Acc	75.94	80.78	+0.25	0.45

GT UNIT MANAGERS
5th Floor, 3, Benyamin Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 071-283 2575 Dealing 071-626 9431

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Sp Sits	85.67	91.84	+0.80	0.00
UK Dsp Inc	85.67	91.84	-0.7	4.69
Do Acc	225.1	241.3	-1.9	4.69
Do Spec Sits	49.99	53.47	-0.15	2.13
Inc Fund	101.1	108.2	-0.4	7.55
Intl	185.9	199.1	+1.0	1.28
US/Gensl	95.71	102.50p	+0.42	0.00
Jap & Gensl	395.3	419.7	+10.0	0.00
Far East/Gen	197.2	210.9	+4.2	0.57
Euro	228.0	242.4	-0.6	1.10
Germany	69.6	74.4	-0.2	0.00
Intl Inc	58.04	59.72p	+0.25	5.61
W'wide Spec Sit	87.57	93.64	+0.72	0.14
Global Prp Inc	47.10	50.04p	+0.02	2.95
Do Acc	49.86	52.69p	+0.02	2.95
Smlr Cos Div	39.82	42.59	-0.16	6.64

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument, St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 071-623 1212 Dealings: 0277 264497 Services: 0800 289336

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Growth Trusts				
British Gth	94.03	98.40	-0.10	1.86
CashTrust*	113.34	e+0.02		11.85
Pract Inv Inc	69.11	95.86	+0.05	5.53
Do Acc	178.5	191.6	+0.04	3.65
UK Smlr Cos	96.42	103.4	+0.02	1.22
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	91.06	95.89p	-0.16	6.77
Prudence	20.62	22.37	+0.05	10.35
High Inc	33.27	34.61	+0.21	5.36
Income	108.3	113.8	-0.59	4.37
Intl Fxd Inc	23.46	24.89p	+0.16	7.85
International Trusts				
Gold Intl	67.89	72.53p	+0.12	1.50
Euroventure	19.82	20.81	-0.06	1.44
Frontier Mkts	34.11	35.74	+0.89	0.74
Glob Inc/Gth	90.80	96.98	+0.11	3.49
UK/Intl	87.71	93.81p	-0.34	3.26
Overseas Trusts				
American	92.70	98.73p	+0.15	1.19
European	85.64	89.98	-0.18	1.20
Euro Sel Opp	86.42	91.85	+0.13	0.74
Am Emerg	47.64	50.45	+0.04	0.00
Hong Kong	61.16	64.77	+0.37	0.75
Japan	175.1	186.0	+3.83	0.00
Pacific Gth	93.05	99.61p	+0.61	1.40

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Bucklersbury House, 3, Queen Victoria Street, London EC4N 8EL Tel: 071-236 7678 Dealing:071-588 0626

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Int Gth	106.6	112.3p	+0.66	0.00
Amer Growth	82.94	88.70	+0.38	0.41
Euro Growth	68.12	64.17p	-0.20	0.49
Gen Horizons	43.64	46.69p	-0.01	0.76
Jap Growth	71.79	76.78p	+1.42	..
Pacific Inc	100.6	107.6	+0.60	2.61
Pacific Grwth	67.79	72.52	+0.55	0.91
UK Prog Inc	74.69	79.89p	+0.15	1.32
Gt British	44.92	48.04p	-0.53	2.34
UK Sel Co	37.56	40.20p	-0.06	4.01

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Hanover Exchange Square London EC4 5BE Tel: 071-638 5866

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Cash	116.9		+0.1	11.85
Gt/Fxd Interest	108.9	113.3	+0.1	9.77
Gilt Equity	259.0	278.7e	-1.1	2.18
Guardian	364.2	388.0	-1.5	2.12
Int Tst	106.4	112.8c	-0.6	5.04
Intl	130.0	138.5		0.00
Managed	478.6	508.5	+0.4	2.48
N Amer	158.2	167.8	+0.6	0.28
Pacific	328.8	350.7	+1.5	0.00
Property	208.6	221.5	+0.8	5.23
Prop Shares	218.2	227.7	+0.4	2.16
Euro Trust	333.3	348.8e	-0.3	0.19

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 699 Edinburgh EH15 1EW Tel: 0800 289699

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Global Adv Inc	28.13	30.88	-0.15	2.64
Global Adv Acc	29.33	31.70	-0.15	2.64

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Adelaide 2, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: Enquiries 0277 262300 Dealing 0277 262301

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Equity	85.23	89.80	+0.26	3.82
Capital	55.99	59.00	+0.26	0.00
Equity Inc	89.92	106.3p	+0.49	7.55
Euro	126.3	132.9	-1.1	1.61
High Inc	71.16	76.72	-0.04	6.06
Income	107.3	113.0	-0.57	5.38
Jap & Far East	103.0	108.3	+1.8	0.00
N Am	80.4	85.3p	+0.5	0.40
Scandinavian	108.8	116.6	+0.3	0.70
Smlr Cos	91.66	96.38p	+0.27	2.91
UK New Comm	36.99	38.71	-0.10	1.51

HENDERSON
Pensions, Administration Adelaide 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, Tel: 0277 261010

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Smlr Cos	89.82	61.79	+0.10	0.00
Asian Enterprise	81.50	87.74p	+0.88	1.44
Australian	114.1	122.1	+0.35	0.03
European	307.5	325.7p	-0.83	0.83
Euro Inc	66.18	69.70	+0.91	3.60
Euro Trust	69.18	73.49	+0.21	0.00
Extra Inc	234.5	248.7p	-0.84	6.48
Family Of Fds	57.45	61.16	+0.06	2.02
Fixed Interest	47.22	51.56p	+0.04	10.74
Global Growth	74.85	80.13	-0.28	1.39
Global Recovery	74.85	80.13	-0.28	1.39
High Inc	264.8	280.1p	-1.36	5.38
Income/Gth	234.3	217.1p	-0.96	5.67
Income/Gth Inc	230.8	244.2p	-0.95	5.67
Inc Assets	147.7	156.6	-0.95	9.75
Intl	161.8	203.5	+0.48	1.84
Jap Spec Sits	192.5	204.3	+5.62	0.00
Pac	183.5	194.7	+5.62	0.00
Nth Amer	189.2	180.1	+0.52	1.00
Pac Basin Dist	135.5	146.2	+1.16	0.86
Prop/Gth	38.3	43.1e	..	12.00
Smlr Cos Div	205.9	220.4	-0.86	2.34
Do Acc	306.2	327.5	-1.01	2.34
Best of British	46.85	51.94p	-0.30	3.67
Spirit Of East	44.14	47.18	+0.50	0.79

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon CR9 5BD Tel: 081-686 4355

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
British	75.29	80.52p	-0.51	3.39
Capit	131.8	140.9	-1.8	2.89
Dollar	244.3	261.2	+0.4	0.79
Euro	169.4	181.1	+0.6	1.32
Far East	160.2	171.3	+0.9	2.02
Financial	502.9	537.6	+1.3	3.33
Gt/F Interst Inc	22.89	23.78	-0.02	9.83
Gt/F Interst Acc	22.89	23.78	-0.02	9.83
Int Tst	115.6	123.5p	-0.5	4.90
Intl	169.2	180.9	+0.8	1.30
Jap Tech	67.02	71.67	+1.91	0.00
Main Reserve	97.07	99.38	+0.41	2.39
Security	245.7	262.7	-1.3	3.30
Smlr Cos	61.56	67.22	-0.23	2.61
Spec Sits	121.1	129.5	-0.4	3.76
US Smlr Cos	42.92	45.67p	-0.01	0.00

HR FUND MANAGERS
26, Queen Street London EC4 1DN Tel: 071-236 6210

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Brit/Overs	184.0	193.6p	-0.4	2.06
Inc Plus	88.73	94.55	..	7.55
Cap Gth	87.91	92.53	..	3.05
Invest Trst	100.9	106.2p	..	0.57

KEY FUND MANAGERS
25, Premier Street Manchester M2 2AF Tel: 061 236 5362

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity/Gen

WALL STREET

New York

BLUE chips suffered mild losses in morning trading with the market weighed down by weakness in bonds. The Dow Jones industrial average was 7 points lower at 2,954.99.

Tokyo — Prices shot up in the last half hour to close sharply higher, boosted by bargain-hunting by investment trusts and securities houses. The Nikkei index closed 325.48 points, or 1.33 per cent higher, at 24,808.17 with 270 million shares traded compared with 260 million shares on Wednesday. *(Reuter)*

	Jun 13 midday	Jun 12 close
Abbott Lab	51	50⅝
Aetna Life	40⅛	40¼
Ahmanson	19⅛	18⅝
Air Prods	60¾	60
Albertsons	42⅝	42⅜
Alcan Al	20⅝	20½
Alco Stand	32	31⅞
Allied Signal	28⅞	28⅝
Alumin CA	56⅝	56⅜
Am Brands	38⅝	39
Am Cyanmd	63	62¾
Am EPC	28⅝	28⅛
Am General	37⅞	37⅛
Am Home	59⅝	59⅛
Am Intl	86	86¼
Am Medical	11⅜	11⅝
Am Stores	79	78¾
Amax	23⅝	23⅜
Amer Hess	52	52⅛
Amerioch	56⅝	56⅝
Ameritech	25⅝	25⅜
Amoco	51⅞	51⅝
AMP	51⅜	52⅝
AMR	65	65
Anheuser-B	48⅝	48⅞
Apple Comp	42¾	42⅝
Archer-Dan	23⅜	23
Arida	18	18⅛
Armstrong	28⅝	27⅞
Asarco	26⅝	26⅝
Ashland Oil	31⅛	31⅛
AT&T	36⅝	36⅝
Atlan Richfld	118⅛	119
Auto DP	31⅝	31
Avery Intl	24⅛	24⅛
Avon Prod	44⅝	44⅝
Baltimore	28⅝	28⅝
Banc One	36⅜	36⅝
Bankamerica	37⅞	38⅜
Bard	27	26⅝
Barnett Bl	30⅛	30⅛
Bausch Lmb	83⅜	83⅜
Baxter Intl	32⅛	32⅛
Bec Dickin	73⅝	73⅝
Bell Atlan	44⅞	44⅝
Bellsouth	47	47
Bir Hughes	26⅛	26⅝
Black Decker	15⅝	15¾
Block	53⅛	53
Boeing	54⅝	55⅜
Boise Casc	25⅝	25⅝
Borden	35	34⅝
Brist-Myer	78⅛	78⅝
Browng-Fer	27⅜	27⅛
Burl Nth	31⅝	31⅝
CAI	10	10
Campbell Sp	73⅝	73⅝
Cap Cities	468⅜	469
Capital HC	48⅛	49
Carolina	44⅝	44⅝
Caterpillar	51½	51⅝
CBS	160	160
Central SW	43⅝	43⅝
Champion	27⅝	27⅞
Chase Man	22⅝	22½
Chem Bnkg	33⅜	33⅛
Chevron	71⅛	71
Chrysler	14⅛	14⅛
Chubb	39⅞	39⅝
Cigna	47⅞	47⅞
Citicorp	16⅛	16⅛
Citrne Llz	45⅝	47⅝
Clorox	40½	40⅝
Cnwith Edis	37⅛	37⅛
CNA Fncl	78	77⅛
Coastal	32⅝	33⅛
Coca-Cola	54⅝	54⅝
Colgate-Pal	38⅞	38⅝
Colmb Gas	36⅛	36⅝
Compaq	34⅛	34⅛
Conagra	45	44⅜
Cons Edis	24⅛	24⅛
Cons NG	41	40⅝
Cons Rail	56⅝	55⅝
Cooper Ind	54⅛	53½
Corning	57⅝	57⅝
CPC Intl	66⅝	66⅝
Crown Cork	76⅛	76⅛
CSX	45⅞	45⅛
Dana	33⅜	33⅜
Dayton-Hud	74⅛	74⅝
Deere	53⅜	53
Delta Air	72⅝	72⅛
Dialcse	42⅝	43⅛
Detroit Edi	28⅝	28⅝
Digital Eq	84⅛	85⅛
Dillard	121⅞	123⅝
Disney	116⅛	115⅞
Dominion	47	47
Donnelley	45⅛	45⅝
Dover	41⅞	41⅞
Dow Chem	84	84⅝
Dow Jones	28⅞	27
Dresser Ind	20⅝	20⅜
Du Pont	46⅜	46⅛
Duke Pwr	27⅞	27⅞
Dun Bradst	47⅜	47
East Kodak	41⅞	41⅜
Eaton	60⅝	60⅝
Emerson El	47⅜	47⅛
Enron	61	61⅛
Entergy	22⅝	23⅝
Ethyl	28⅝	28⅝
Exxon	57⅞	57⅝
Fed NMA	48⅛	48⅝
Fedrl Expra	39⅜	39⅝
Ft Nonstar	24⅜	24⅜
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Ft Union	21⅛	21⅝
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Gen Motors	42⅛	42⅛
Gen RE	88⅜	88
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Hilton Htl	44¼	44⅛
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Homestake	16⅝	16⅛
Honeywell	90⅝	90
Houston Ind	35⅞	35⅞
Howld Intl	50⅝	50⅝
Humana	48	47½
IBM	100⅜	101⅛
ICI	76⅝	76⅝
Illinois TW	84⅜	83⅝
Inco	35⅛	35
Ingsol-Rand	50⅛	50
Inland Steel	21⅛	21⅛
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STOCK MARKET

Glaxo falls as rival Swedish drug gains wider US approval

SHARES in **Glaxo** slipped as its prospects in the anti-ulcer market took a knock following wider approval in America for Losec, the product of Astra, its Swedish competitor. Losec's wider approval came a little earlier than health analysts had expected.

The American Food and Drug Administration has approved Losec for short-term use in the treatment of acute duodenal ulcers. This will affect future sales of Zantac, the anti-ulcer drug that accounts for about 50 per cent of Glaxo sales.

Barbara Arzymanow, an analyst at Kleinwort Benson, said: "It (approval) was coming. It was not a surprise."

Glaxo recovered from a fall of 40p, to close 17p cheaper at £12.31. **SmithKline Beecham**, whose Tagamet anti-ulcer drug accounts for about 20 per cent of group sales, fell 5p to 785p.

Meanwhile, a gloomy CBI survey and another surge in the jobless figures served to highlight the government's political worries and shares were marked down. A slowing in the rise in average earnings in April to 8.75 per cent and news that the Bundesbank was not going to increase interest rates, limited selling.

A mixed start on Wall Street did little to stimulate London and most market-makers were running fairly level books ahead of today's inflation figures and the end of the account. The FT-SE 100 index ended 5.6 lower at 2,514.6, while the FT index of 30 shares fell 2.5 to 1,970.8. Turnover only reached 457.8 million shares. Gilts ended £⅛s higher at the longer end.

ICI slipped to £12.78, down 12p, in the absence of a bid from **Hanson**, 1p firmer at 218p. In spite of bid talk switching to **Trafalgar House**, the shares lost early gains and closed 5p lower at 260p.

A number of parties mentioned include **P&O**, up 1p to 574p, **BTR**, 4p firmer at 401p, and even **BAA**, up 1p to 435p. **British Aerospace**, another rumoured bid candidate, was 10p lower at 588p, after Nomura trimmed its profits forecast.

Others seen to be targets for BTR, whose chief executive recently told analysts in Germany that the group is looking for a big acquisition, include **Bowater**, up 6p to 621p, and **CMB Packaging**, the Anglo-French group, which continued its advance with a further rise of 50p to £15.63.

Tace, the environmental controls group, jumped 12p to 203p, after talk of a bid from **Cambridge Electronic**, unchanged at 194p.

A jump in final profits and the dividend at **Cable and Wireless** helped the shares to a 16p rise to 537p.

Rank Organisation lost 11p to 684p after a recent downgrading from Smith New Court and a sell note from Carr Kitcat & Aitken. Stephen Benzikie, an analyst at Carr, recommends taking profits and a switch to **Ladbroke**, unchanged at 269p, or **Queens Moat**, ½p easier at 88p.

Staveley, the engineering group, 11p lower at 180p, is raising £27.4 million through a rights issue at 150p per share. **Amber Day** was down 3½p to 98p after news of a £24 million rights issue at 83p.

Rolls-Royce eased 1p to 157p in spite of confirmation of an order from Gulfstream for nearly 300 Tay engines, worth $525 million.

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Hong Kong:		
Hang Seng	3632.55 (+4.85)	
FT-SE Euro 100	1149.95 (–2.08)	
Amsterdam:		
CBS Tendency	95.3 (+0.1)	
Sydney: AO	1493.3 (–6.7)	
Frankfurt: DAX	1692.63 (–8.21)	
Brussels:		
General	5845.68 (+2.12)	
Paris: CAC	489.39 (–5.56)	
Zurich: SKA Gen	541.3 (–3.6)	
London:		
FT.—A All-Share	1208.74 (–2.12)	
FT.—"500"	1340.21 (–3.57)	
FT. Gold Mines	205.2 (–2.7)	
FT. Fixed interest	92.93 (–0.01)	
FT. Govt Secs	83.95 (+0.12)	
Bargains	25296	
SEAQ Volume	457.8m	
USM (Datastream)	134.53 (+0.16)	

*Denotes latest trading price

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London Traded Options have been held out owing to lack of space.

Law Report June 14 1991 Court of Appeal

Decision-making process in child sex abuse cases

In re H (Minors)
Before Lord Justice Mustill and Lord Justice Balcombe
[Reasons May 22]

Where relief was sought in cases involving allegations of sexual abuse of children, the first stage of the decision-making process required of the judge entailed an evaluation of the evidence in order to determine (i) whether there was evidence of sexual abuse and (ii) if so, whether there was evidence of the identity of the abuser. The performance of that task would be greatly assisted by some knowledge of the considerable amount of published material on the subject.

In the second stage of the judge's decision-making, at which point he exercised his discretion with the test of the welfare of the child paramount, he should have regard to the danger that in seeking to protect children from sexual abuse, society might cause other, and possibly greater, harm to the children it sought to protect.

The Court of Appeal so stated when giving reasons for having dismissed on May 1 an appeal by the plaintiff, against an order made on April 26, 1991 by Judge Heald, sitting in chambers as a judge in the Family Division, in wardship proceedings concerning four children. The judge had refused an application by the authority for the children to be placed in their interim care and for the parents to have only supervised access.

Mr Jeremy Posnansky for the local authority; Mr Colin Anderson for the first four defendants (parents); Mr Colin Anderson for the fifth and sixth defendants (aunts).

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE, delivering the judgment of the court, said that cases concerning the alleged sexual abuse of children were coming before the courts with regrettable frequency.

The application for interlocutory relief was often made as a matter of urgency by way of an *ex parte* application, when the parents would have no opportunity to be heard. Even if the application was heard on notice, or formally *inter partes*, the parents might not themselves have had the opportunity to adduce any medical evidence.

In those circumstances the court proposed to consider the instant case in some detail so as to give an indication of the approach which the courts should adopt, although stressing that in the last resort every case necessarily depended on its particular facts.

His Lordship referred to *H v H (Minors) (Child Abuse: Evidence)* ([1990] Fam 86, 101), where Lord Justice Butler-Sloss had spoken of the two stages in the decision-making where a judge exercised his discretion in child cases.

The first stage in that process, the evaluation of the evidence, might itself be subdivided into two parts: (i) Was there evidence of sexual abuse? (ii) If so, was there evidence of the identity of the abuser?

In all the reports to which the court referred, it was stated that a substantial proportion of sexually abused children showed no abnormal physical signs. Abnormal physical symptoms, even in the ano-genital region, were not necessarily indicative of sexual abuse. If there were physical symptoms there might be evidence to show that the injuries had been caused by accident, or possibly by the child itself.

Once the judge was satisfied that there had been abuse of the child by a third party, then it would usually be necessary to see whether it was possible to come to some conclusion as to the identity of the abuser.

Thus the abuser might be another child, either within or without the child's household, or an adult, again within or without the child's household.

The court did not suggest that that exhausted all possible permutations and combinations, but intended to make it clear that the evaluation of the evidence would be greatly assisted by some knowledge of the considerable amount of published material on the subject.

The court referred to relevant passages from the following reports: *The Report of the Enquiry into Child Abuse in Cleveland 1987* (Cmnd 412) (the Butler-Sloss Report), paragraphs 11.12 and 11.30; *Diagnosis of Child Sexual Abuse: Guidance for Doctors (DHSS)*, paragraphs 2.3 and 12.20; and *Physical Signs of Sexual Abuse in Children* (Royal College of Physicians of London, April 1991), paragraphs 1.8 ("Diagnosis of abuse"), 7 and 10 ("Summary and Conclusions").

In relation to the second stage of decision-making, his Lordship said that it was undeniable that the sexual abuse of a child was an evil which could cause lasting damage to the child.

Society was rightly astute to protect children from that evil. The danger was that in seeking to protect children from sexual abuse, society might cause other, and possibly greater, harm to the children it sought to protect.

To take children away from the only home they might have known, from parents, however inadequate, to whom they were attached, and to put them into the care of foster parents, however loving and skilled, or into a residential home, clearly carried a risk of causing harm to those children.

It was the balancing of those risks in the particular case which was the object of the exercise of the judicial discretion at the second stage.

In the instant case, the way in which the judge had exercised his discretion had been not merely one with which the court could not interfere, but was the way in which the court would have exercised it had it been its duty to do so.

Solicitors: Warren & Allen, Nottingham; Donald Worsley & Co, Nottingham; John Rosley & Co, Nottingham.

Skeletons should be fleshless

Regina v Brent London Borough Council, Ex parte King (Maria Bernadette)

Skeleton arguments should be skeletons and not fully fleshed torsos, Mr Justice Macpherson stated in the Queen's Bench Division on June 6 when granting the applicant judicial review of Brent London Borough Council housing department's decision that she had made herself intentionally homeless.

HIS LORDSHIP said that skeleton arguments, which it was the practice in judicial review cases to present to the court before the hearing, should be skeletons and should not be fleshed out or fully covered torsos.

What was required was a summary of the essential arguments on which counsel was to depend. There was a growing tendency, which his Lordship dperecated, to flesh out those skeletons with full submissions.

In the case before the court, the skeletons had amounted to 14 and six typewritten pages respectively. If that practice was followed, then by implication it would be necessary for counsel to spend only 10 minutes addressing the court.

Correction

In *R v Ellis* (*The Times* June 13) counsel were Mr Michael Mansfield, QC and Mr Adrian Fulford, neither of whom appeared below, for the appellants; Mr Jeremy Gompertz, QC and Mr Brian Lett, who did not appear below, for the prosecution.

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Small firms can join the club for Europe

By SALLY WATTS

AT A time when small businesses should be preparing and training for the single market, many are prevented from doing so by the recession. Recognising that training for 1992 has been the first thing to go, Portsmouth Polytechnic has launched a low-cost lunch club, with seminars on the single market's opportunities, threats and legislation.

Solent 1992 Club stems from a survey of 3,000 businesses with fewer than 200 employees, in Portsmouth, Southampton and Winchester. In fact, 62 per cent of the firms employ less than five people and 80 per cent employ fewer than 15. Many were interested in a club that would provide updated information on Europe and allow them to make business contacts.

Touche Ross has contributed £5,000 and the DTI gave £300 for the launch in May.

John Harris-Burland, of the Polytechnic, is club founder and chairman. He is arranging seminars on moving into Europe and meeting incoming competition. Future subjects include tax harmonisation; competing for public contracts and marketing in Europe.

"A large number of firms still believe Europe will not affect them," said Mr Harris-Burland. "Our aim is to reach them in a friendly, easy way without barriers. Training is where our survey will link into the club. At present small businesses are fighting for survival, but we want to raise awareness of Europe. After the recession the club will pave the way into training."

The club is supported by Hampshire training and enterprise council, the Chamber of Commerce, Portsmouth Publishing and Holiday Inn, where meetings take place. Richard Simmonds, MEP, is patron.

Portsmouth Polytechnic, a regional centre for Pickup Europe (Professional Industrial and Commercial Updating) is involved with various Community projects and with the Hampshire-Normandy Business Group.

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"It looks as though the wall is the only place I'll be going this year"

Softa touch taps into market

By RODNEY HOBSON



Resisting high gearing: Stephen Arnold, chairman of Softa, which is aiming for organic growth

FEW entrepreneurs have the single-minded determination of Stephen Arnold. Fewer still have the self-belief. "Having, from a young age, patterned out what I was going to do, it was just a matter of when," he says.

Mr Arnold set up Softa, a St Albans company, in 1987. It advises on installing computer systems in sales and marketing departments, counting among its clients Leyland Daf, Rover, John Lewis and Initial Textiles.

His education and early business experience were dedicated to one goal. He took two degrees, one in accountancy and the other in computer technology. He said: "The basic premise was very simple and I think it will last indefinitely. We bring management and computers together. Most people are trained in one or the other. Where my staff are trained in one area they have to have acumen in the other. This is what the market needs."

Mr Arnold took an MSc and a PhD, and between courses acted as consultant for GEC and for Brown and Root, an American oil construction company. He said: "It was a deliberate policy to get experience that would suit me: the courses I have done, the jobs, the level of responsibility I had."

He meant to complete his PhD before starting in business but the opportunity arose two years early. He says: "In 1987 a lot of computer prices just tumbled. The economy was booming. I wouldn't do it now."

Mr Arnold resisted the fashionable temptation to become highly geared, perceiving that many company borrowings were artificially high. He said: "Our policy is to be our own bank. From day one we went for organic growth. We check profits month by month and keep a close eye on cash flow. We will grow with the market."

The one-man business expanded to a staff of four, then eight. Aged only 29, Mr Arnold is now chairman and managing director of a firm with 24 employees. The first four on board all had formal business backgrounds so the company was set up on a strictly formal basis with a well defined business plan. He criticises the way many companies fail to adapt to the computer age. He says: "Many are trying to interface new requirements with old structures. They are trying to modify a dinosaur."

Hardly any company in Britain has a sophisticated paper system for sales and marketing, let alone a sophisticated computer system. Sales and marketing are where accounts were ten years ago, he says.

Part of the problem, he feels, is that people in key positions do not have the computer knowledge to make strategic business decisions. "It's one of the reasons why the economy is so flat at the moment. Companies do not have the confidence to take what they perceive as risky decisions."

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That means balancing the need to keep up with all the latest developments without spreading the expertise too thinly over too wide a range of products. Mr Arnold says: "We certainly review all the products around and we switch the items in our 'toolkit' frequently. We have a very solid team and each member keeps on top of his or her own area."

Standards needed to tender for contracts

QUALITY levels as formally recognised under BS5750, the standard, are becoming increasingly important for small businesses, (Derek Harris writes).

An example is that adherence to the quality levels specified in BS5750 is increasingly demanded of small firms when tendering for contracts.

An initiative this week by Business in the Community (BITC), the umbrella body for local enterprise agencies, should help prepare smaller businesses for the quality race.

A guide, sponsored by Shell UK, was launched by BITC primarily to enable enterprise agencies to meet BS5750, although it is also expected to be used by other business support organisations like the Training and Enterprise Councils (Tec) and local authority economic development units.

The guide sets quality levels for such work as counselling and training in a small business context, workspace management and putting together financing packages.

In turn, small businesses should benefit, although in some areas enterprise agencies have been driving home the quality message by setting up quality workshops to help small and medium sized companies to introduce quality management.

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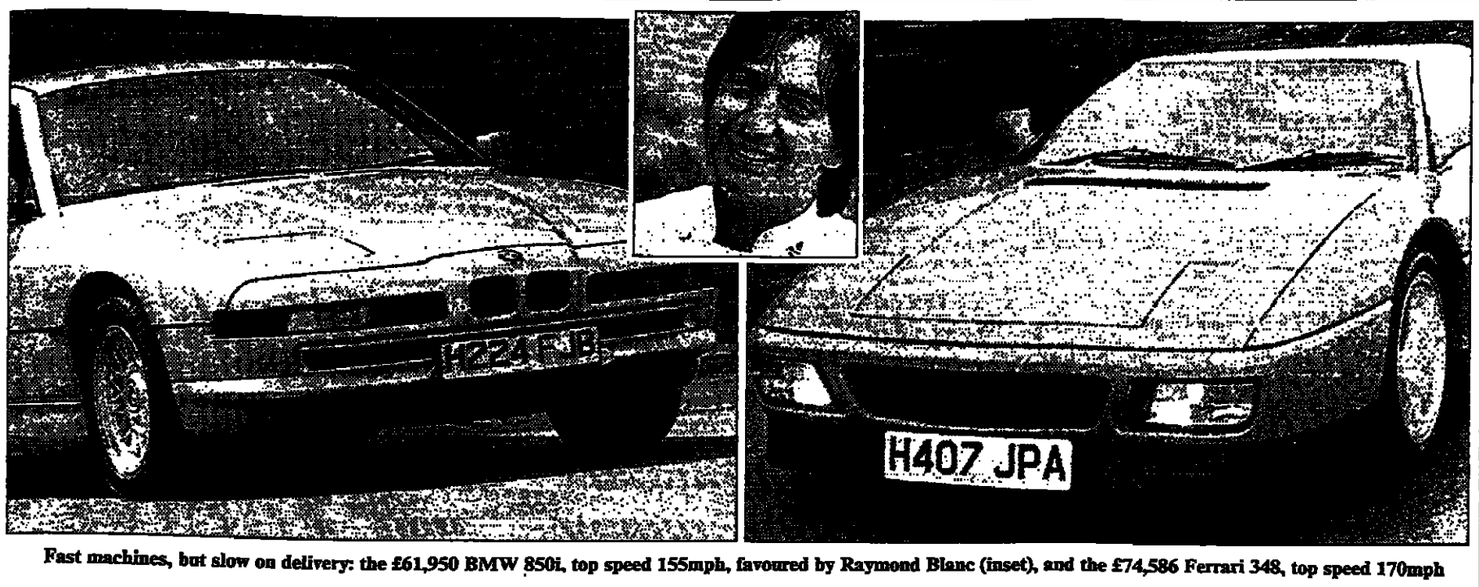
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Fast machines, but slow on delivery: the £61,950 BMW 850i, top speed 155mph, favoured by Raymond Blanc (inset), and the £74,586 Ferrari 348, top speed 170mph

My dashing pièce de résistance

Why are the rich prepared to spend a fortune and wait up to four years for a supercar? Kevin Eason asked car enthusiast and master chef Raymond Blanc and took a test drive to find out for himself

For most motorists the relative qualities of cars that cost £60,000 and more are academic. Drivers confined to the ranks of Cavaliers and Sierras will wonder what possible difference there can be in models that seem to have everything.

However, for Raymond Blanc, one of Britain's leading French chefs, and about 750 other motorists, the differences are enormous.

Mr Blanc runs one of the world's finest restaurants deep in rural Oxfordshire and is a connoisseur of fine cars. That is why he was happy this week to allow his Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons hotel at Great Milton to be used as a test driving centre for Ferraris, imported into Britain by Maranello Concessionaires. Mr Blanc's interest was more than curiosity, for he is an enthusiastic owner of the latest supercar to reach Britain, the £61,950 BMW 850i.

The 850i and the Ferrari range have escaped the worst of the recession. The wait to buy the BMW is 18 months and for most Ferraris about four years. A 10 per cent deposit must be paid to get on the list.

Only 350 people will take delivery of a new Ferrari this year and about 400 will get the BMW. Drivers such as Mr Blanc can not only afford an expensive car, but also understand the intimate differences between models that highlight the qualities of a true supercar.

As I pulled away from his hotel for my first time at the wheel of a Ferrari 348, priced at £74,586, I understood fully the drawing power of the exotic Italian car.

The Ferrari's exterior lines are among the most dramatic on the road, from the sharply drooping nose to the fat exterior. The 3.4-litre V8 engine, mounted behind the passenger cabin, growls and roars with every gear change.

The best of the Ferrari is felt at the top of the rev counter and the maximum 300 brake horse power comes at 7,200 rpm. The car can accelerate from 0 to 62mph in 5.6 seconds and achieve a top speed of more than 170mph.

However, the Ferrari is spartan. Leather surroundings there may be, but the dashboard switches and dials could have come from a cheap and cheerful saloon and there is no pandering to the comfort of driver and passenger. Just squeeze into the narrow cabin and hang on.

The BMW 850i is a complete contrast. Mr Blanc says its luxurious and spacious cabin area is one of the reasons he chose BMW's most ambitious offering instead of competitors such as the Ferrari.

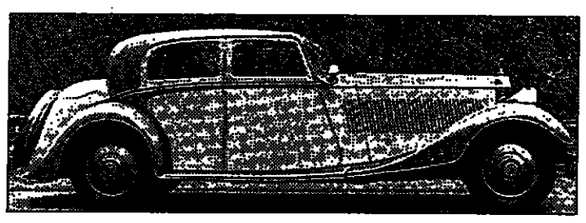
He says: "I have driven Ferraris and find they are a wonderful car for the driver. The BMW is exciting, yet is wonderfully comfortable for a long drive."

BMW has loaded its car with electronic gadgets for comfort and safety. From windows that electronically seal themselves when the doors are closed to a superb stereo with CD player, the 850i is built for business cruising as much as pure speed. Mr Blanc says the power from the 5-litre V12 is impressive. The car goes from 0 to 60mph in 6.8 seconds and has a top speed of 155mph.

"I chose the BMW because it has the capabilities of other cars but in a gentler way," Mr Blanc says. "The Ferraris are gorgeous, but I love my BMW."

Refusing to give up the ghost

This Rolls-Royce sold for £10 after being hidden for a decade. Now it could fetch £75,000



The long, rounded bonnet speaks volumes for the classic elegance of the golden age of Rolls-Royce. The Phantom II Continental sports saloon (pictured right) will be one of the stars of the annual rally of Rolls-Royce and Bentley enthusiasts this weekend, when 1 per cent of all the cars made by the company will gather at Castle Ashby, near Northampton.

But this car almost did not survive to be admired because it was discovered bricked up in an underground warehouse where it had been rotting away for nearly ten years.

It was bought for £10, plus £25 for a new set of tyres, but went unrestored for another decade.

Bob Roberts, the founder of the Midland Motor Museum at Bridgnorth in Shropshire, acquired the model in 1975. Recently it has been in a private collection, which has decided to sell it.

Similar stories will probably be repeated many times over by owners attending this weekend's rally, when the Phantom, made in 1933 and expected to fetch up to £75,000, is auctioned by Sotheby's.

Rolls-Royces and Bentleys attract remarkable devotion from classic car enthusiasts, which probably accounts for the long life of the Crewe-made cars.

More than 100,000 Rolls-Royces and Bentleys have been made, and 60 per cent of them are thought to be still in existence, most in full working order. Most of the rest were destroyed in the war.

At Castle Ashby on Sunday, 1,000 cars will be on show, from the oldest models to the latest Silver Spirits and Silver Spurs. Attention will be focused on the distinctively styled models from the early age of motoring, starting with the 1907 Silver Ghost, said to be the most valuable car in the world. Worth more than £12 million, it is owned by Rolls-Royce.

That was one of the cars which began the legend of the highest quality of British workmanship and traditions which live on today throughout the world, despite the intrusion of high technology.

ROADWISE

Vauxhall's set menu

VAUXHALL has announced changes to its dealer network to reduce maintenance and servicing prices. The company is offering a summer check for £19.95, including brakes, steering, suspension, tyres, exhaust and battery. The offer comes as Vauxhall's Master-Fit, a drive-in, while-you-wait service, takes off. The company, like Ford, wants to be able to rival drive-in garages with menu-pricing and fast-fit repairs on the spot.

Cleaner Peugeots

PEUGEOT is now including catalytic converters on its 309 range. The first models with a catalyst, which cuts 90 per cent of toxic exhaust emissions, are the 1.1-litre Style, 1.4-litre GL and GLX, and 1.6-litre GR models.

Tax break

INDIRECT taxes on new cars in France are falling, in contrast to the UK, where VAT has been increased from 15 to 17.5 per cent on top of existing 10 per cent car tax. Total French car taxes have fallen from 33 per cent to 22 per cent and will go down to 18.6 per cent from January 1993.

Lancia prices up

PRICES of Lancia Dedra and Thema cars have gone up by 1.9 per cent, although the cost of buying models from the Y10 and Delta range remains unchanged. The Lancia range now stretches from the 1-litre Fire Y10 at £6,125 to the 3-litre 8.32 by Ferrari at £44,139.

Seat prices down

SEAT, the Spanish manufacturer owned by Volkswagen, says its Ibiza New Look model is priced £400 below the model it replaces. All Seat cars come with 12 months' free AA membership and road rescue package. The Ibiza base model car, the 900 Special, is now £5,444.

French fury

THE sore spot of Jacques Calvet, chairman of the PSA Group, which owns Peugeot and Citroën, is the Japanese. He has complained long and loud over the arrival of Nissan, Toyota and Honda to manufacture in Britain and now says he may pull out of research projects, previously signed up with Renault, because of its involvement with Volvo, which is planning a joint venture with Mitsubishi.

Sweden's new baby

A NEW Volvo is about to come on the market. The Swedish company announced the arrival of the 8-series when it unveiled the 850GLT this week. It has a transversely-mounted 2.5-litre, 20 valve engine and should be available in the UK next year.

Budget Sierras

FORD has launched a budget-priced series of Sierra models, known as the Chausseur range. The five-door hatchback, four-door saloon and five-door estate are priced at £12,250 and have the same 1.8-litre engine. Each model gets an anti-theft alarm and tilt and slide sunroof. The estate car also has an integral roof rack.

Ferry expensive

TAKING the ferry over to France for a sprint around the hypermarkets is not only fun but cost effective . . unless you have an accident. The Automobile Association says it is important to take out insurance cover for the other side of the English Channel, even for a day trip. The AA offers 24-hour breakdown and recovery for £8.50 and, for foot passengers, a 95p policy covering medical and repatriation costs.



Radio switch

TOYOTA is introducing radio data system (RDS) radios to its entire car range, to help buyers receive the increasing amount of traffic information. RDS has two benefits: it automatically locks on to a radio station's strongest frequency and it can also be interrupted to accept traffic warning signals from local BBC stations on the FM frequency.

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RYA acts to stem rising fees

THE Royal Yachting Association (RYA) yesterday launched a national campaign calling on boat owners to band together and fight the increases in marina and harbour fees that have driven yachtsmen away from the sport (Barry Pickthall writes).

The association has set up a berth-holders and mooring facilities committee to monitor the pricing of marina berths, with a remit to take direct action on behalf of all the 45,000 marina berth-holders in Britain.

"Marina fees have doubled during the last three years, fuelled by problems of supply and demand," Edmund Whelan, the RYA's barrister, said. The RYA has appointed a special co-ordinator and set up a telephone hotline (082-572 2138) to offer individual advice and encourage marina users to set up their own berth-holder associations to negotiate directly with operators.

"We believe that if berth-holders organise themselves they can successfully control these increases. If the users are not happy with the annual increases levied by the marina companies, they will have our support to set their own level, and if necessary the RYA will hold the balance in a special account until negotiations are resolved," Whelan said.

The RYA is also looking to expand the sport away from the overcrowded south coast and encourage development of little-used habour facilities in the Bristol Channel and Welsh coast. It believes there is scope to develop existing harbours at Portishead, Barry, Swansea and Holyhead.

Barry Pickthall celebrates the renaissance of Britain's much-maligned canal system

Discovering luxury by escaping inland

Enthusiasts for Britain's inland waterways have long been perceived as the poor relations in boating circles. Decayed locks, collapsing towpaths, silted rivers and canals, together with the utilitarian standards set by hire craft fleets, have not helped the picture.

It is a perception greatly misplaced. Two weeks spent exploring the Grand Union, Oxford and Llangollen canals have uncovered a wealth of interest, participation, and a rebuilding programme that many hard-pressed coastal sailors, facing high mooring charges, will envy.

Our inland waterways are enjoying a renaissance that continues undaunted through the recession. British Waterways alone is spending £60 million this year on reconstruction work, and voluntary groups are beavering away across the country restoring disused canals to their former glory. Quality and tradition have suddenly become key words.

Tony Croxhall and his wife have just taken delivery of a 62ft traditional narrowboat built by Colecraft at Braunston marina. After a lifetime of coastal cruising, they intend to enjoy their retirement exploring Britain's 2,000-mile man-made artery system.



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Their boat has central heating, shower and bath, a full kitchen, and all the comforts of home. The captain's cabin, fitted out to replicate the living quarters of a working barge, the highly polished engine and brass work, and canal paintings decorating doorways and cabin sides, provide the traditional touches that make each boat unique.

Another enthusiast is Brian Saunders. A Midlands-based entrepeneur, the canals have been his escape route for the past 20 years. He, too, has a highly personalised 60ft narrowboat, and has launched a flotilla of luxury hire boats.

His first Victoria class 42ft narrowboat was exhibited at the London and Birmingham boat shows, and a 62ft Albert class boat is due to be launched next week. Both have the facilities of a five-star hotel suite — only without room service.

The emphasis is on comfort, not cramming as many berths as possible into the available space. Victoria is a 2 + 2 berth design with saloon seating that converts into an occasional bed. Albert has two double cabins and the same pull-out saloon facilities.

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The greatest attraction for first-timers to the canals, however, is that no previous boating experience is necessary. In common with other hire fleets, Saunders's company, Regency Holidays Afloat, provides inexperienced crews with an hour-long lesson taking you through a series of locks close to their Hillmorton base. From there, holiday-makers can venture through the one-and-a-half mile long Braunston tunnel to visit the waterways museum at Stoke Bruerne, take in Oxford or Stratford-upon-Avon, or cruise the circular Warwickshire and Leicestershire rings.

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QUAY NOTES

A hero's return

JOSH Hall, the British solo yachtsman who overcame countless Southern Ocean knockdowns, a dislocated knee and a mountain of debts to complete the 27,000-mile BOC round-the-world race last winter, returns to a hero's welcome in his native Ipswich next weekend.

Hall, whose regular dispatches in *The Times* during the race provided a unique insight into the frightening trials and sacrifices, but immeasurable pleasure, gained from confronting and overcoming the worst that the weather gods can throw at you, returns penniless but unbowed by the experience.

"It is fantastic just to have finished," he said. "Now I want to build a 60-footer and win the next race outright."

A 200-strong fleet is expected to greet Hall and his 50ft yacht, New Spirit of Ipswich, when he arrives off Harwich early on June 23. The boats will escort him up the River Orwell to a quayside reception staged by the mayor of Ipswich at 10.30am.

Club reopens

THE Little Ship Club has made a welcome return to its old riverside City site at Bell Wharf Lane, London, after closing its doors for redevelopment five years ago. During the early stages of reconstruction, the London Museum combed the site for historic artefacts, some of which are now on permanent display in the club. The present membership stands at 1,600, but the improved facilities will allow numbers to increase by a further 400.

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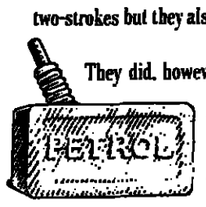
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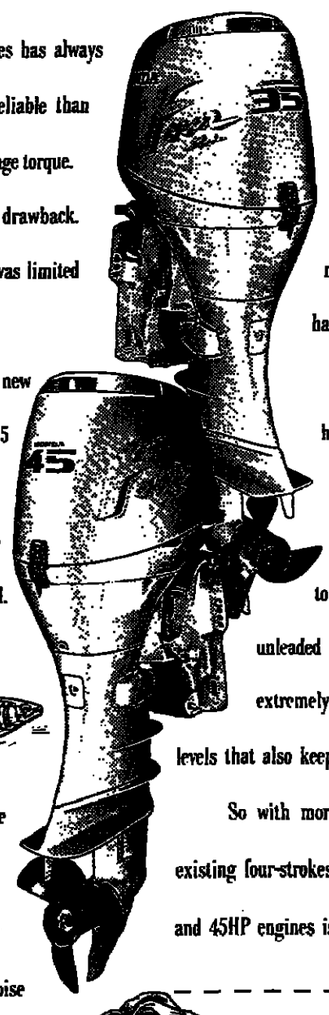


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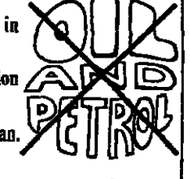


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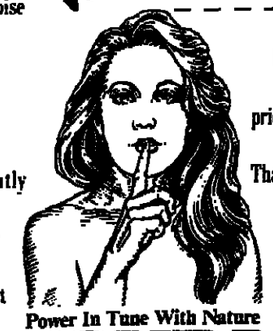
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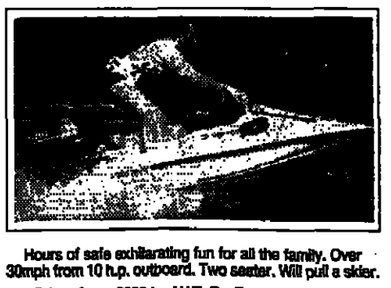
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Resolute Bay can speed home

RICHARD Whitaker, the Wetherby-based trainer, who, along with stable jockey Tony Culhane, landed a nice touch at Newbury on Wednesday when Royale Robinia captured the George Smith Memorial Handicap, now looks poised to hit the bullseye again at York where Resolute Bay is taken to win the Innovative Marketing Sprint Handicap.

Significantly, he will be wearing a visor again today. Last season this five-year-old was similarly adorned when he put up his best performances, most notably when he was first passed the post at Sandown in July (subsequently disqualified) and again a week later when he managed to keep a straight course and win at Chester.

Those achievements also showed that Resolute Bay is capable of taking a couple of races in quick succession in his stride.

He should be spot on today following that good run in third place behind Glenstal Princess and Dominnet at Haydock a week ago, more especially since he was not wearing a visor then or in either of his two earlier races this season.

At Haydock Resolute Bay was lumbered with 9st 9lb, albeit in a lower grade. Nevertheless, he is still capable of a better performance today now that he will have 12lb less to carry, even though he has been pitched in against sprinters of the calibre of recent course and distance winner Cumbrian Waltzer, Premier Touch, Love Legend, Lucedeo and Master Pokey.

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

While Lester Piggott will be expecting a good ride in the William Stones Handicap on his wife Susan's Countess Of Poland, who has been a model of consistency this year, I just prefer the Francis Lee-trained **Bean Venture**, who shaped so nicely at Newcastle first time out.

Express Account, my selection for the Shepherd Construction Apprentice Handicap, went under by only a neck nine days ago at Yarmouth.

Sagebrush Roller, my choice to win the *People-Sporting Life* Championship Three-Year-Old Handicap, ran sufficiently well behind Rockton North, Sheikh Albadon, Dominion Gold and Takaddum in a better-class race at the spring meeting on today's track to suggest that today's prize should be his for the taking.

At Sandown, I will be looking to the Reg Akehurst-trained **Pharamineux**, to record his third victory over the course and distance in the Allied-Dunbar Handicap following three successive seconds this season.

The latest occurred at Goodwood where he was beaten a length by Rajanpour, who promptly turned his next race at Newcastle into a procession.

With no disrespect to those who have ridden Joll's Great in her last two races, I like the booking of Willie Carson for the filly in the Beech Hedge Handicap because he rode her when she was second to that progressive filly Possessive Dancer at Kempton earlier this season.

A subsequent treble on **How's Yer Father** (7.35), **Keen Vision** (8.05) and **Tea Dust** (9.05) at the Goodwood evening meeting can make Carson's day complete.

However, the day's best bet is **Mrs Barton**, owned, bred and trained by Barry Hills, who is napped to win the BBC Radio Sussex Claiming Stakes in the good hands of the stable's talented apprentice Darryl Holland. Mrs Barton beat 18 rivals when carrying 8st 13lb to win a seller at Leicester last time.

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MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.10 Twafeaj.	2.10 Twafeaj.	3.10 Love Legend.
2.40 Beau Venture.	2.40 Simmie's Special.	
3.10 Resolute Bay.	3.10 Resolute Bay.	
3.40 Express Account.	3.40 Belafonte.	
4.10 Sagebrush Roller.	4.10 STAR NEWS (nap).	
4.40 Romany Rye.	4.40 Uluru.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 TWAFEAJ (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.10 TWAFEAJ.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.10 UNIVERSITY OF YORK TURF CLUB GRADUATION STAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £5,744: 6f) (8 runners)

1	(3)		1	MY JERSEY PEARL 43 (G) (T Broster) J Berry 9-3	J Carroll 80
2	(4)		4	BOLLIN VICTORIA 31 (Sir N Westbrook) M H Easterby 8-8	M Birch 72
3	(6)		0	LOCAL GRIFFIN 6 (M Smith) C Cyzer 8-8	A Munro —
4	(1)		32	NEO-CLASSICAL 18 (BF) (H Keskel) B Hills 8-8	S Cauthen 93
5	(5)		22	TWAFEAJ 31 (BF) (Abdullah Ali) B Hanbury 8-8	Pat Eddery ● 99
6	(2)		-	VENTURINA (Skyline Racing Ltd) M H Easterby 8-8	K Darley —

BETTING: 11-10 Twafeaj, 3-1 Neo-Classical, 6-1 My Jersey Pearl, 8-1 Venturina, 12-1 Bollin Victoria, 25-1 Local Griffin.

1990: JAMEELATY 9-3 Pat Eddery (4-7 fav) A Scott 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

MY JERSEY PEARL beat Loch Nial 4l at Salisbury (5f, good). LOCAL GRIFFIN slowly away and tailed off last behind Castilian Queen at Leicester (5f 218yd, good). NEO-CLASSICAL 1½l 2nd to Last Exit at Leicester (6f, good). TWAFEAJ hd 2nd to Poolesta over 5f (good to firm) here with BOLLIN VICTORIA (same terms) 9½l 4th. VENTURINA (foaled Feb 18, cost 16,000gns) is a Taufan half-sister to Riberetto, winner of the Lingfield Derby Trial.
Selection: TWAFEAJ

2.40 WILLIAM STONES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,796: 5f) (9 runners) C4

1	(5)	35-0002		HEAVEN-LEIGH-GREY 8 (D,F,G) (P Dodd) J Berry 9-7	J Carroll 84
2	(7)	013105		BEAU VENTURE 14 (D,F,S) (Mrs A L Stacey) F Lee 9-3	K Darley 86
3	(1)	22-2154		SIMMIE'S SPECIAL 9 (D,G) (D Coppenhall) R Hollinshead 8-8	S Perks 87
4	(8)	322121		COUNTESS OF POLAND 16 (F) (H De Kwiatkowski) Mrs L Piggott 8-8	L Piggott 88
5	(4)	0650-44		MISS EL ARAB 14 (D,F,G) (M Graham) E Alston 8-7	A Munro 86
6	(6)	6-03231		PALLIUM 25 (D,G) (W Kelly) M Naughton 8-6	G Hind (3) 93
7	(9)	02213		LYNDON'S LINNET 11 (D,F) (T Mellor) R Ingram 8-4	M Birch 92
8	(2)	01060-2		WARRIOR PRINCE 4 (D,F) (Desmond Racing Ltd) R Whitaker 8-1	A Culhane ● 99
9	(3)	000-600		KING VICTOR 7 (J Parsons) R O'Leary 7-7	S Maloney (5) 76

Long handicap: King Victor 7-0.

BETTING: 3-1 Heaven-Leigh-Grey, 7-2 Countess Of Poland, 13-2 Beau Venture, 7-1 Lyndon's Linnet, 15-2 Pallium, 8-1 Miss El Arab, 12-1 Warrior Prince, 14-1 Simmie's Special, 20-1 King Victor.

1990: DREAM TALK 9-0 Pat Eddery (6-1) J Berry 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

HEAVEN-LEIGH-GREY 2½l 2nd to Songlines at Epsom (5f, good to firm). SIMMIE'S SPECIAL 7½l 4th to Zonda at Beverley (5f, good to firm). COUNTESS OF POLAND beat Kaths Choice 3l at Ripon (5f, good to firm). MISS EL ARAB 1¾l 4th to Food of Love at Newcastle (5f, good to firm) with BEAU VENTURE (same terms) 1½l 5th. PALLIUM beat Ashgrove Cherry ¾l at Wolverhampton (5f, good). LYNDON'S LINNET 3½l 3rd to Northern Spark at Redcar (5f, good). WARRIOR PRINCE ½l 2nd to Barnham College at Nottingham (5f).
Selection: WARRIOR PRINCE

3.10 INNOVATIVE MARKETING SPRINT HANDICAP C4
(£11,452: 6f) (13 runners)

1	(10)	03-5203		THE AUCTION BIDDER 31 (S) (Heathavon Ltd) R Hollinshead 4-9-13	G Hind (3) 96
2	(9)	404-351		CUMBRIAN WALTZER 31 (CD,F,G,S) (Cumbrian Ltd) M H Easterby 8-9-9	M Birch 97
3	(12)	6030-61		PREMIER TOUCH 27 (D,F) (Mrs M Watt) T Barron 4-9-9	Alex Greaves 95
4	(1)	346024		LOVE LEGEND 30 (C,D,F,G) (M Gilkerten) D Arbuthnot 8-8-7	A Munro 92
5	(4)	002524		LUCEDEO 3 (C,D,BF,F,G) (J Spearing) J Spearing 7-8-6	G Husband (5) 95
6	(6)	1204-51		GILT THRONE 17 (F) (B Schmidt-Bodmer) M Tompkins 4-9-1	B Raymond 86
7	(7)	5-50241		PROHIBITION 14 (D,F,G,S) (J Brown) J Berry 4-8-13	J Carroll 97
8	(13)	40431-6		SUPERBRAVE 30 (D,F,G) (M McDonnell) J Etherington 5-8-11	L Piggott 89
9	(3)	50-0000		MASTER POKEY 41 (CD,F,G,S) (Lord Belper) M W Easterby 7-8-11	Pat Eddery 97
10	(8)	400-003		RESOLUTE BAY 7 (V,D,F) (D Buckley) R Whitaker 5-8-11	A Culhane ● 99
11	(5)	03-0000		JUDGEMENT CALL 20 (D,F,G) (Sprint Racing Ltd) P Howling 4-8-6	K Darley 96
12	(2)	0340-63		CAROMISH 14 (D,G,S) (Newbury Racing Club) M Usher 4-8-6	M Wigham 97
13	(11)	000-234		BROAD STORY 20 (S) (K MacPherson) P Calver 4-8-5	S Perks 90

BETTING: 3-1 Cumbrian Waltzer, 4-1 Gilt Thorne, 6-1 Resolute Bay, 8-1 Love Legend, Lucedeo, 10-1 Premier Touch, 12-1 Prohibition, Superbrave, 14-1 others.

1990: MONIGA 4-9-3 J Matthias (10-1) I Balding) 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

CUMBRIAN WALTZER beat PROHIBITION (same terms) a nk over course and distance (good to firm) with THE AUCTION BIDDER (4lb better off) 1½l 3rd and JUDGEMENT CALL (8lb better off) 1¼l 6th. PREMIER TOUCH beat Custre Femme a sh hd at Thirsk (6f, good to firm). LUCEDEO 2¼l 4th to City Link Pet at Salisbury (5f, good); earlier 1½l 2nd to Gemini Fire over 5f (good to firm) here with LOVE LEGEND (4lb better off) 1l 4th and SUPERBRAVE (2lb better off) ¾l 5th. GILT THRONE beat LUCEDEO (6lb worse off) ¾l at Sandown (5f, good to firm). PROHIBITION beat Atall Atall a sh hd at Newcastle (6f). RESOLUTE BAY 2l 3rd to Glenstal Princess at Haydock (5f). CAROMISH 3¼l 3rd to Aughtad at Goodwood (6f). BROAD STORY over 1l 4th to Profilo at Doncaster (6f).
Selection: RESOLUTE BAY

SANDOWN PARK

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.15 Penny Drops.	2.15 Gone Bust.	3.50 PHARAMINEUX (nap).
2.50 The Cuckoo's Nest.	2.50 The Cuckoo's Nest.	4.25 Joli's Great.
3.20 Plain Fact.	3.20 Iksab.	
3.50 Pharamineux.	3.50 Baligh.	
4.25 Joli's Great.	4.25 Lord Oberon.	
5.00 Lupescu.	5.00 Mubin.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.20 Plain Fact. 5.00 Lupescu.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 ORLEANS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,111: 5f) (16 runners)

101	(1)		00	DEEVEE 13 (D Turner) C Benstead 8-8	B Rouse 71
102	(9)		5	GREY CHARMER 37 (Miss S Provite) C James 8-7	S Whitworth 77
103	(10)		3	ORTHORHOMBUS 13 (M Thornhill) G Lewis 8-7	Paul Eddery 96
104	(7)		42	GONE BUST 28 (S) (Miss I McMillan) R Johnson Houghton 8-4	T Quinn 85
105	(14)		0	MYSTICAL DANCER 25 (Mrs F Cooney & Mrs A Turner) R Hannon 8-4	S Raymond —
106	(8)			GREY BUT ROSY (C Drake) D Elsworth 8-3	J Williams —
107	(3)			ACCESS SPIRIT (Miss E Williams) R Boss 8-1	M Roberts —
108	(16)		03	ALLTHRUTHENIGHT 11 (G Steinberg) L Holt 8-1	A McGlone 83
109	(2)			BUDDY (E & B Productions (Theatre)) M Bell 8-1	J Quinn —
110	(11)			GAMELAN (I Lochhead) M Tompkins 8-1	A Mackay —
111	(15)		82	ROLY WALLACE 9 (BF) (Wallace Farms (Stud)) K Ivory 8-1	D Biggs (5) 91
112	(6)		0	THE NEW GIRL 15 (T Marshall) C Elsey 8-0	G Duffield 76
113	(4)		552	PENNY DROPS 20 (S Sharp) Pat Mitchell 7-11	S O'Gorman (3) ● 99
114	(5)			LITTLE SABOTEUR (Mrs D Strauss) P Makin 7-10	W Carson —
115	(13)		0	MISSY-S 16 (Mrs S Goodman) G Pritchard-Gordon 7-10	T Williams —
116	(12)		6	UP THE PUNJAB 6 (G Pritchard-Gordon) R Smyth 7-10	N Carlisle 77

BETTING: 4-1 Penny Drops, 9-2 Orthorhombus, 11-2 Allthruthenight, 15-2 Gone Bust, 10-1 Little Saboteur, 12-1 Grey But Rosy, 14-1 Access Spirit, Roly Wallace, Up The Punjab, 16-1 others.

1990: CARN MAIRE 7-13 N Carlisle (7-2) R Smyth 10 ran

2.50 SUMMER PAVILION HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,276: 7f) (5 runners)

201	(2)		61-0	MISS U LIKE CRAZY 51 (G) (C Wright) J Hills 9-7	M Hills 87
202	(1)		4180-	MINSKIP 263 (F) (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-1	D Holland (3) 82
203	(5)		05423-0	MISS SHARPO 27 (P Winfield) R Hannon 8-9	J Reid 93
204	(3)		014803	THE CUCKOO'S NEST 20 (D,S) (Kings Bloodstock) C Brittain 8-8	M Roberts 95
205	(4)		020-400	CARNBREA CUDDY 24 (D,F) (Mrs S Crompton) J Scargill 8-7	W R Swinburn ● 99

BETTING: 7-4 The Cuckoo's Nest, 3-1 Minskip, 7-2 Carnbrea Cuddy, 9-2 Miss U Like Crazy, 11-2 Miss Sharpo.

1990: GO DUTCH 9-2 S Cauthen (9-1) C Nelson 16 ran

3.20 MORE LANE CLAIMING STAKES (£2,810: 5f) (7 runners)

301	(1)		0-60035	METAL BOYS 21 (BF,D,F,G) (North Staffs Club) R Hollinshead 4-8-8	W Carson 98
302	(2)		30-0200	IKSAB 21 (F,S) (A Fourtok) R Boss 4-8-5	L Dettori 93
303	(3)		430-063	LAKE MISTASSIU 7 (B,D,F,S) (J Lambson) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-8-0	C Rutter ● 99
304	(6)		250-201	PLAIN FACT 18 (CD,F,G,S) (G Moore) M Prescott 8-8-0	G Duffield 96
305	(7)		0004-50	HENRY WILLIAM 86 (S Sharp) Pat Mitchell 8-7-13	S O'Gorman (3) 56
306	(4)		0060-00	NIKKI DOW 2 (D,F,S) (B Lewis-Ranwell) P Howling 5-7-13	J Quinn —
307	(5)		004006	THE SHANAHAN BAY 7 (B,BF,D,F,S) (Mrs A Sanders) E Eldin 6-7-13	A Mackay 94

BETTING: 9-4 Plain Fact, 11-4 Metal Boys, 7-2 Lake Mistassiu, 8-1 Iksab, 8-1 The Shanahan Bay, 16-1 Henry William, 20-1 Nikki Dow

1990: ERRIS EXPRESS 5-7-13 M Roberts (2-1) F Durr 3 ran

3.50 ALLIED DUNBAR HANDICAP (£4,224: 1m 6f) (5 runners)

401	(1)		2/032-04	BALIGH 28 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 4-10-0	W Carson 95
402	(2)		064-515	JINGA 23 (CD,F,G,S) (Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 6-8-6	J Reid 88
403	(4)		180-222	PHARAMINEUX 23 (BF,CD,F,G) (N Roterman) R Akehurst 5-8-3	T Quinn ● 99
404	(5)		055-440	CRABBY BILL 17 (BF) (Financial Trace & Collections) Miss B Sanders 4-7-10	J Quinn 96
405	(3)		630/006	HARREEK 23 (G) (Mrs S Purcell) M Madgwick 6-7-10	D Holland (3) 97

BETTING: 7-4 Pharamineux, 9-4 Jinga, 7-2 Baligh, 6-1 Crabby Bill, 7-1 Harreek.

1990: RUN HIGH 7-7-13 S O'Gorman (11-2) P Mitchell 11 ran

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103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J If jumps. F If flat. (S — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.40 SHEPHERD CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICE HANDICAP C4
(£5,900: 1m 3f 195yd) (11 runners)

1	(3)		1310-30	COMSTOCK 16 (C,BF,F,G) (A Budge Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-0	S Turner (5) 96
2	(4)		504105	ERE LEATH-SCEAL 16 (F,G) (M Brittain) M Brittain 4-9-6	S Maloney (3) 86
3	(11)		343-801	SPRINGS WELCOME 27 (D,F,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 5-9-2	T McLaughlin (5) 84
4	(9)		480-000	ROYAL BOROUGH 16 (D,G) (Tow-Star Ltd) M Naughton 6-9-1	R Lamplugh (11) 88
5	(6)		60-3315	CAREFREE TIMES 14 (D,F,G) (Lord Matthews) M Camacho 4-8-13	J Weaver (5) 94
6	(1)		0-55552	EXPRESS ACCOUNT 9 (F,G) (D Wilson) R Williams 4-8-6	G Mitchell (11) ● 99
7	(2)		125311	MARDESSA 11 (D,F,G) (G Lee) F Lee 3-8-7 (7ex)	M Wright (11) 85
8	(7)		050-321	BELAFONTE 20 (F) (B Tregurtha) R Holder 4-8-5	S Drowne (5) 97
9	(10)		044090	CAMDEN KNIGHT 39 (D,C,S) (D Pledge) N Bycroft 5-7-11	R Price 94
10	(5)		6-00002	BEAUMOOD 11 (V,F,S) (T Hainsworth) C Tinkler 5-7-9	A Tucker 95
11	(8)		2-02125	RIVE-JUMELLE 10 (G) (M Fitzgerald) M Bell 3-7-7	P Turner (5) 96

BETTING: 4-1 Express Account, 5-1 Mardessa, Belafonte, 7-1 Comstock, 8-1 Springs Welcome, Rive-Jumelle, 10-1 Ere Leath-Sceal, 12-1 Carefree Times, 14-1 others.

1990: FRESCOBALDO 4-8-12 V Dearing (15-2) M Naughton 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ERE LEATH-SCAEL 6¾l 5th to Secret Society at Ripon (1m 4f 70yd, good to firm) with COMSTOCK (same terms) 13¾l 8th and ROYAL BOROUGH 10th; beat Thimbelina 1l at Beverley (1m 4f, firm). SPRINGS WELCOME beat Muirfield Village 2½l at Lingfield (1m 3f 106yd, good). CAREFREE TIMES 5¼l 3rd to Every One A Gem at Newcastle (1m 2f 32yd, good to firm); previously beat Glastondale 1l at Edinburgh (1m 4f, good) with COMSTOCK (4lb better off) sh hd 3rd. EXPRESS ACCOUNT nk 2nd to Freak Toss at Yarmouth (1m 2f 21yd, firm). MARDESSA beat Jestars Farewell a hd at Redcar (1m 3f, good); previously beat RIVE-JUMELLE (10lb better off) 2½l at Haydock (1m 2f). BELAFONTE beat Daviosity 2l at Doncaster (1m 4f, good to firm) with ERE LEATH-SCAEL 6½l 7th. CAMDEN KNIGHT 2¼l 3rd to One For The Pot at Ayr (1m 5f, soft). BEAUMOOD ½l 2nd to Daviosity at Edinburgh (1m 4f, good). RIVE-JUMELLE 8l 5th to Bushy Talled at Yarmouth (1m 2f).
Selection: BELAFONTE (nap)

4.10 PEOPLE-SPORTING LIFE CHAMPIONSHIP HANDICAP C4
(3-Y-O: £6,056: 6f 214yd) (8 runners)

1	(3)		2030-00	CRYSTAL JACK 7 (D,F,G) (Mrs B Facchino) F Lee 9-7	S Perks 91
2	(8)		1250-00	HIGHLAND SPIRIT 21 (D,F) (G Senior) R Whitaker 9-2	A Culhane 88
3	(5)		510-	POOH WEE 216 (D,S) (Lady Matthews) M Camacho 8-1	N Connorton 86
4	(2)		34-10	STAR NEWS 5 (D,F) (Sheffield Newspapers Ltd) M Tompkins 9-1	C Hodgson (5) 97
5	(6)		004-125	SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 28 (S) (A Collins) J Watts 9-1	Dean McKeown 96
6	(1)		412934	ARABIAN KING 16 (F) (M Brittain) M Brittain 9-0	K Darley 96
7	(4)		84100-0	MUMMY'S EMERALD 39 (D,F) (A Lyons) C Booth 8-11	K Fallon 84
8	(7)		000-061	NORTHERN SPARK 11 (D,G) (G Brittain) C Thornton 8-5 (5ex)	J Bleasdale ● 99

BETTING: 9-4 Sagebrush Roller, 11-4 Highland Spirit, 4-1 Northern Spark, 15-2 Arabian King, 8-1 Star News, 10-1 Pooh Wee, 14-1 others.

1990: L'UOMO CLASSICS 8-12 T Williams (14-1) Mrs J Pitman 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

HIGHLAND SPIRIT 6l 5th of 12 to Matts Boy at Pontefract (1m, good to firm). POOH WEE beat Ron Milady 5l in Chester (6f, good to soft) maiden in October. STAR NEWS 9½l 9th of 12 to Sassy Lassy at Leicester (7f 9yd, good); previously beat Duplicity ¾l in Pontefract (6f, good to firm) maiden. SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 2½l 5th of 11 to Rocton North in valuable handicap here (7f, good to firm); beat Old Peg 6l at Newcastle (7f, heavy) in April. ARABIAN KING 2½l 4th to Armeil at Doncaster (7f, good to soft) maiden in October. STAR NEWS 9½l 9th of 12 to Sassy Lassy at Leicester (7f 9yd, good); previously beat Duplicity ¾l in Pontefract (6f, good to firm) maiden. SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 2½l 5th of 11 to Rocton North in valuable handicap here (7f, good to firm); beat Old Peg 6l at Newcastle (7f, heavy) in April. ARABIAN KING 2½l 4th to Armeil at Doncaster (7f, good to soft) maiden in October. STAR NEWS 9½l 9th of 12 to Sassy Lassy at Leicester (7f 9yd, good); previously beat Duplicity ¾l in Pontefract (6f, good to firm) maiden. SAGEBRUSH ROLLER 2½l 5th of 11 to Rocton North in valuable handicap here at Yarmouth (1m 2f 21yd, firm). MARDESSA beat Jestars Farewell a hd at Redcar (1m 3f, good); previously beat RIVE-JUMELLE (10lb better off) 2½l at Haydock (1m 2f). BELAFONTE beat Daviosity 2l at Doncaster (1m 4f, good to firm) with ERE LEATH-SCAEL 6½l 7th. CAMDEN KNIGHT 2¼l 3rd to One For The Pot at Ayr (1m 5f, soft). BEAUMOOD ½l 2nd to Daviosity at Edinburgh (1m 4f, good). RIVE-JUMELLE 8l 5th to Bushy Talled at Yarmouth (1m 2f).
Selection: SAGEBRUSH ROLLER

4.40 MERCHANT ADVENTURERS MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £5,900: 1m 5f 194yd) (5 runners)

1	(1)		0053-00	BOLD ELECT 24 (Mrs J Wigham) P Wigham 9-0	K Fallon 85
2	(2)		3422	ROMANY RYE 18 (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-0	G Carter ● 99
3	(3)		03	SKY PROSPECT 37 (D Chaplin) R Charlton 9-0	L Piggott 90
4	(4)		5-2	ULURU 62 (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0	Pat Eddery 85
5	(5)		4	SNOW MAIDEN 30 (M Salem) B Hanbury 8-9	B Raymond 89

BETTING: 15-8 Uluru, 9-4 Romany Rye, 4-1 Sky Prospect, 9-2 Snow Maiden, 20-1 Bold Elect.

1990: SYRTOS 9-0 Pat Eddery (4-7 fav) J Dunlop 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLD ELECT, last season, 1¾l 3rd to Forbearance at Pontefract (1m, good to firm) in October. ROMANY RYE ½l 2nd to Million Miles at Doncaster (1m 6f 127yd, firm); previously 4l 2nd to Krius here (1m 6f, good to firm). SKY PROSPECT 1¼l 3rd to Shah Diamond at Salisbury (1m 4f, good). ULURU 3l 2nd to Stop Press at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm). SNOW MAIDEN 5½l 4th to Clare Heights here (1m 2f 110yd, good to firm).
Selection: SNOW MAIDEN

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
R Holder	3	11	27.3	S Cauthen	62	284	21.8
G Wragg	16	89	18.0	Pat Eddery	62	318	19.5
D Arbuthnot	3	19	15.8	M Birch	23	212	10.8
B Hanbury	15	97	15.5	L Piggott	3	28	10.7
B Hills	26	190	14.7				
M Tompkins	7	61	11.5	(Only qualifiers)			

4.25 BEECH HEDGE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,562: 1m 1f) (8 runners)

501	(6)		124-000	SELF EXPRESSION 20 (F) (G Smart) I Balding 9-7	J Reid 96
502	(5)		061-030	DANZARIN 7 (F) (Mrs J Regler) R Hannon 9-4	R Perham (5) 95
503	(3)		201-460	PARIS OF TROY 31 (S) (M Chrastol) M Jarvis 9-1	M Hills 91
504	(8)		12300-0	DIGS 27 (F) (G Stewart) R Johnson Houghton 8-13	Paul Eddery 93
505	(2)		0-00612	SIR BANCROFT 11 (BF,F,S) (D Price) E Eldin 8-8	A Mackay 97
506	(4)		440-001	LORD OBERON 7 (G) (Cronk Thoroughbred Racing) B Hanbury 8-6 (5ex)	A Cruz 98
507	(7)		0-43244	JOLI'S GREAT 20 (Errieprise Markets) M Ryan 8-2	W Carson ● 99
508	(1)		450-614	ROUTING 17 (F) (A Dumbrell) M Bell 7-11	J Quinn 98

BETTING: 5-2 Joli's Great, 3-1 Lord Oberon, 9-2 Sir Bancroft, 7-1 Routing, 8-1 Danzarin, 12-1 Paris Of Troy, 14-1 Digs, 20-1 Self Expression.

1990: CONSTANT DELIGHT 9-0 W R Swinburn (10-1) M Stoute 8 ran

5.00 JUNE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,247: 1m 2f) (13 runners)

601	(12)			MASHAALLAH (Sheikh Ahmed) J Gosden 9-0	W R Swinburn —
602	(5)		03	MUBIN 16 (H Al-Maktoum) P Wigham 9-0	W Carson 74
603	(11)		0-	PANIC RISING 214 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0	T Quinn —
604	(9)		4-63322	SALUTING WALTER 7 (P Flavin) M Ryan 9-0	G Duffield 96
605	(8)			SHAKE TOWN (P Savill) G Harwood 9-0	A Clark —
606	(4)		0	CAMARAT 30 (BF) (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-9	M Hills 77
607	(6)			COCHINEAL (R Sangster) B Hills 8-9	J Williams —
608	(7)		0	COMANECI 26 (C St George) H Cecil 8-9	A McGlone —
609	(2)		4	DESIGNATE 14 (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-9	L Dettori 74
610	(1)		24-	LUPESCU 230 (C St George) H Cecil 8-9	A Cruz ● 99
611	(13)			MAJENICA (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-9	M Roberts —
612	(3)		0	SHEROOG 58 (Sheikh Ahmed) M Jarvis 8-9	Paul Eddery —
613	(10)		0	TINTOMARA 27 (Miss K Rausing) J Dunlop 8-9	B Rouse —

BETTING: 3-1 Lupescu, 9-2 Mubin, 5-1 Mashaallah, 13-2 Saluting Walter, 8-1 Designate, 10-1 Shake Town, 12-1 Camarat, 14-1 Cochineal, 16-1 others.

1990: ELMAFTUN 9-0 R Hills (10-1) H Thomson Jones 8 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
L Cumani	17	58	29.3	A Cruz	5	21	23.8
H Cecil	24	89	27.0	W R Swinburn	42	249	16.9
G Harwood	34	131	26.0	L Dettori	11	67	16.4
J Gosden	3	15	20.0	T Quinn	23	152	15.1
I Balding	20	100	20.0	W Carson	45	327	13.9
Lady Herries	3	16	18.8	M Roberts	26	188	13.8

Shoemaker makes progress

BILL Shoemaker, right, is now breathing without the assistance of a ventilator, nearly two months after his car accident.

In a statement from Craig Hospital, Colorado, where Shoemaker has been treated for the last six weeks, the former champion jockey said: "I am happy with my progress so far, especially with achieving my first big goal of being weaned from the respirator.

"I appreciate the concern of all the people. The cards are very nice. I hope they will continue to support me until I am able to return to the racetrack and resume my career as a trainer."

Shoemaker remains paralysed in all four limbs, though doctors report that feeling in his left arm has now extended to his left thumb.



DONCASTER

MANDARIN

6.45 Super Rocky. 7.15 Art Form. 7.45 Commanche Sioux. 8.15 Careless Love. 8.45 Takenhall. 9.15 Liffey River.

THUNDERER

6.45 Ernestan. 7.15 Prince Sobur. 7.45 Commanche Sioux. 8.15 Able Susan. 8.45 Clandia Miss. 9.15 Liffey River.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM
DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST; 1M ROUND COURSE, LOW NUMBERS SLIGHT ADVANTAGE

6.45 HOLMFIRTH STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,084: 5f) (4 runners)

1		4311		ROBINS ARROW 22 (D,F,G) N Tinkler 9-7	S Maloney (5) 1
2		1		ERNESTAN 45 (D,S) M H Easterby 9-4	M Birch 4
3		21		SUPER ROCKY 42 (D,F) J Berry 9-4	J Carroll 2
4		6515		MISS SIHAM 8 (D,F) M Moubarak 8-13	G Carter 3

7-4 Miss Siham, 2-1 Super Rocky, 3-1 Ernestan, 9-2 Robins Arrow.

7.15 BRIDLINGTON HANDICAP
(£2,924: 2m 110yd) (10)

1		0111		ART FORM 9 (F,G) C Cyzer 4-10-1 (4ex)	T McLaughlin (7) 2
2		-226		AAHSAYLAD 8 (F,G,S) F Lee 5-9-12	R Lappin 6
3		0-00		TIQUETEER 25 (F) P Calver 4-9-8	W Newnes 7
4		0230		PRINCE SOBUR 25 (S) M Blanshard 5-9-13	R Fox 7
5		0-00		VAIN PRINCE 15J (F) N Tinkler 4-8-11	D Nicholls 8
6		P250		MARLINGFORD 6 Mrs J Jordan 4-8-7	W Ryan 10
7		/063		MY MUSZKA 8 (G) S Norton 7-8-2	J Fanning (5) 9
8		43-0		TROPICAL ACE 23 R Voorspuy 4-7-9	S Dawson 6
9		6/6		LAHARNA GIRL 4 (V,S) G

Championships at breaking point

By ALEX RAMSAY

The Championships, Basingstoke

It does not sound quite right somehow, but it may just become a possibility if the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club (AELTC) cannot find an answer to its problem of too many people and not enough space.

Each year, hundreds of thousands of hopefuls apply for tickets in the public ballot, while the centre court capacity of 13,107 could easily be filled ten times over during the first week of the championships, and 100 times over for the men's finals.

On any given day, the AELTC plays host to 28,000 paying spectators and 8,000 accredited personnel, covering everyone from journalists to janitors, who report on or provide back-up for the tennis. With all these people to cater for, the 42-acre site is bursting at the seams. The time has come to expand.

"To maintain our standing as a world sporting event, we cannot stand still," Christopher Gorringe, chief executive of the AELTC, said. "At the US Open, they are planning a new stadium court, and the Australian Open has just moved to Flinders Park. We have to look ahead not just to next year, but to the next 25 years, and how we are going to provide for the players, the officials, and the spectators."

The question is where can the AELTC expand to? The obvious solution would be to move to the parkland across the road, the home of the Wimbledon Club.

Eighteen months ago, the AELTC made an offer to the Wimbledon Club for the purchase of its nine-acre site. The deal offered £7 million for the land, plus relocation expenses to a new £2.5 million, 20-acre site in Raynes Park. That would mean the AELTC could move its practice courts and hospitality marquees to the Wimbledon Club site, releasing land to build a new stadium.

But the 1,200 members of the Wimbledon Club are not exactly champing at the bit to move. "We've been where we are for 100 years, and there is an instinctive reluctance to move," Brian Gibbons, the club spokesman, said. "We are not looking at it in purely financial terms. There is no point in moving if the members are unhappy, and there is a feeling that it would be the end of the club as we know it."

Over the years, the Wimbledon Club has done very well from the tennis championships. Each year, it lets half its land to the AELTC for parking. While Gibbons is not prepared to say exactly how much money is taken during the fortnight, the golf club next door makes around £180,000 for the same operation.

With that revenue, the Wimbledon Club has paid for a new £250,000 clubhouse, five new squash rackets courts, an indoor tennis court and cricket nets. The club also paid £100,000 for the laying of an artificial hockey pitch at King's College School. If either the AELTC or the Wimbledon Club were to move, that income would disappear.

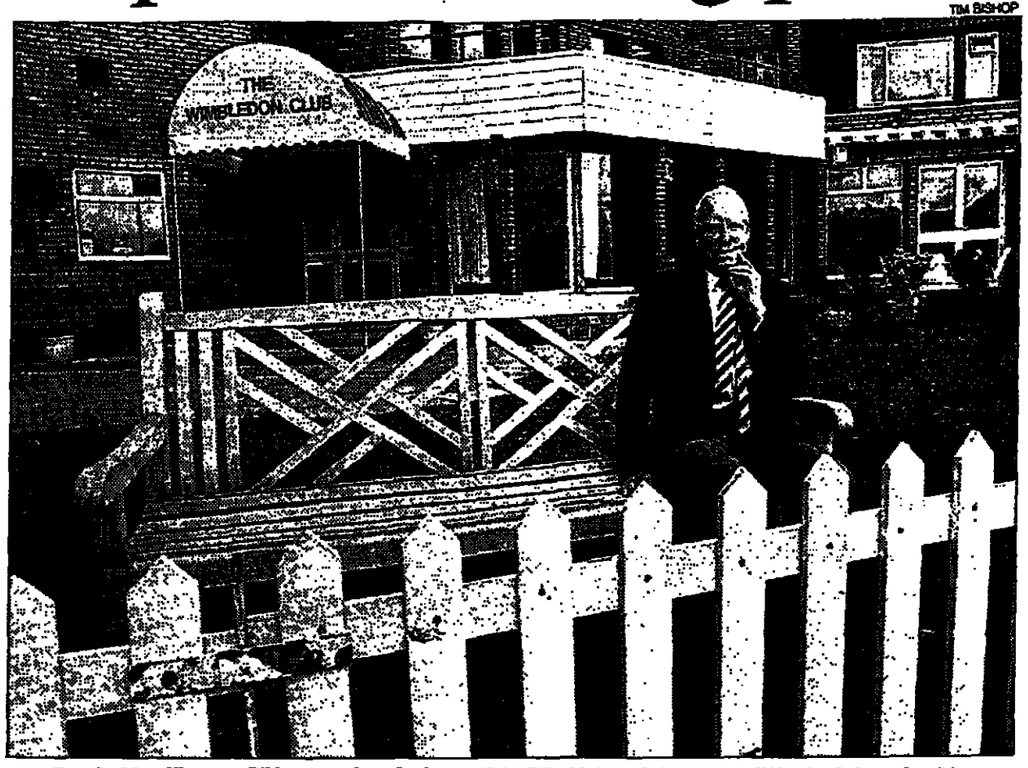
"Obviously if we were to do a deal with the All England Club it would have to take any loss of earnings in to consideration," Gibbons said. "But we don't live off the fat of the All England Club. We have very good facilities because of our earnings from the tennis, but if we didn't have that we could trim back and still survive."

The club is divided into four separate playing sections: hockey, squash rackets, tennis and cricket. If, at a meeting later this month, a majority decision is reached to enter into negotiations with the AELTC, Gorringe may get his wish to prepare the championships for the 21st century. If not, the Wimbledon Club is happy to stay put.

"We're in a difficult situation," Gorringe said. "We started in Wimbledon in 1868, and we moved here in 1922. This is our home, we don't want to move. On the other hand, we've got to keep our options open. It is my opinion that there is always the possibility of moving to, for example, Basingstoke."

But somehow, it still does not sound quite right.

TIM BISHOP



Faced with a dilemma: Gibbons ponders the future of the Wimbledon Club and the All England championships

OLYMPIC GAMES

Why deserving bids for 1998 may end in tears

By DAVID MILLER

SOMETHING deeply wrong will take place in the Olympic movement in Birmingham tomorrow evening, screened internationally like some Eurovision Song Contest, and around the world they will applaud. In four cities, however, they will be left crying.

The host bidding process, in which Manchester is engaged for 2000, is seriously flawed, even when the decision is legitimate. If this was evident when Atlanta was justifiably elected last year for the centenary Games, the emotional unfairness of the system will be even more apparent tomorrow in the contest for the 1998 Winter Games. This is the competition in which they shoot everyone but the winner between the eyes.

I am embarrassed to think of the distress that is going to be inflicted on, particularly, two of the three leading candidates, who have dedicated years of time, effort, money and emotion in pursuit of an ideal, only to lose on arbitrary, ill-defined principles.

The IOC's 90-odd members gather to decide, without any guidelines on the rules of the competition, which is the most suitable candidate: Östersund (Sweden), Aosta (Italy), Jaca (Spain), Nagano (Japan) or Salt Lake City (United States). Both the electors and the candidates are in the absurd position that the best candidate may not necessarily be considered the right choice. There are sound reasons for saying that either Nagano, Östersund or Salt Lake City is preferable, and, equally, there is justification for claiming any of the three is wrong.

The process has been allowed to develop over the past five years — in the elections for 1992, 1994, 1996 and 1998 — because the publicity and television coverage is valuable exposure for the IOC. It arose following the commercial success of Los Angeles. The final denouement, like some Poirot plot, is unbearably dramatic.

It is too late to halt the process before the 1993 election for 2000, but the executive board must find a more practical and less onerous form of campaigning as soon as possible.

Consider Östersund. This is the fifth bid by Sweden, the fourth most successful nation at Winter Games, which has never been an Olympic host. The country has a century's experience of staging world championships in every discipline, and the site is so compact that you will be able to walk to every venue except Alpine (a 40-minute shuttle) and hear the crowds roar from any part of the town.

Östersund transparently deserves the Games. Yet can it follow Albertville and Lillehammer as a third consecutive European host? The same applies to Aosta and Jaca — though for both, the moment is perhaps four years early — and yesterday Aosta was still engaged in intrigue about the constituents of its presentation team, with uninitiated politicians taking over from those who have done the work and know the voters.

If the quality of existing facilities is to count, none can challenge Salt Lake City, from whose hospitality suite the aroma of real pine needles fills the conference hotel lobby. Anyone who has visited this sumptuous Mormon arena in Utah knows this to be true, with the city offering a supporting population of 1.3 million with an average age of 26. Yet can the IOC send an Olympics to North America for the sixth time in 22 years?

The IOC may satisfy its geographic conscience, at the expense of its quality conscience, by opting for Nagano. This seemed to be the undercurrent of the mood circulating yesterday, on the basis that Nagano would provide a winter sports centre accessible to Asia's vast sporting population, and would consolidate the relationship between corporate Japan and the Olympic movement. The yen is now as significant to the Olympic Games as the dollar.

A vote for Nagano will depend on confidence that the western Japanese city can build all the necessary facilities. "I'd like the concrete concession," somebody quipped. Asia has had only one previous Winter Games, at Sapporo in 1972. Nagano was yesterday still resolving the language aspect of its presentation — Midori Ito, the ice skater, will wring the old men's heart strings — but is banking on the IOC's wish for international expansion.

The evaluation report by an IOC commission including representatives of international federations and national Olympic committess is of little help to the members in making their decision, beyond making it clear that Nagano, Östersund and Salt Lake are in a superior category, with Salt Lake technically the strongest.



Ito: presentation

CRICKET

Lara has chance to stake his claim for Test place

By RICHARD STREETON

DERBY (second day of three): The West Indians, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 74 runs ahead of Derbyshire

THE West Indians, who have a problem with their opening batting pair after Greenidge's injury, lost two wickets yesterday after Derbyshire declared 57 runs behind and left them nine overs to bat. Haynes, whose own tour has also been restricted by injury, and Lambert were the players to miss the chance of useful practice.

Haynes had his leg stump knocked back by Warner in the second over as he played a loose, firm-footed shot. Lambert was leg-before to Cork without offering a stroke in the final over. Lara and Logie then stayed together until the close.

Both these two have every reason to make runs today, with Logie another in need of an innings. With a question mark against Simmons as a Test player, one possibility the touring team must be considering for the second Test match at Lord's next Thursday would be to promote Richardson to open with Haynes. Lara would be the main candidate then for the vacant batting place, provided he can make runs today or in the weekend game with Northamptonshire. Earlier, several wristy shots by Mohammad Azharuddin, as he scored an attractive 72, hinted that the India captain was finally finding his best form after a modest start to his career with Derbyshire. He and Chris Adams, a local product, provided the only resistance to the West Indian bowlers.

No play was possible before lunch and Azharuddin and Adams added a much-needed 84 together after three wickets fell early. Barnett and O'Gorman played balls into their stumps in the second and third overs. Bowler fell to a spectacular catch by Lambert at cover. He drove Marshall, and Lambert first parried the rising ball right-handed and then completed the catch two-handed.

Azharuddin took a century off Cambridge University, but other than that match has managed only 268 runs in nine first-class innings. More often than not, he has got himself out with ill-conceived strokes. In this innings, he began carefully, but gradually began to show the strokes, not least on the back foot, that can make him such a pleasure to watch. Once again, though, he brought about his own dismissal. He made room to square cut a half-volley from Hooper, and gave Ambrose at deep backward point a straightforward catch.

Adams always looked sound and had eight fours in his 55 before he was beaten in poor light after tea by a quicker ball from Anthony. Three more wickets fell quickly before Barnett declared. Hooper finished with three for 50 in a lengthy and tidy stint on a slow pitch.

WEST INDIANS: First innings 281 for 5 dec (R B Richardson 114, C L Hooper 82; S J Base 4 for 44).

Second Innings

C Lambert lbw b Cork	4
†D L Haynes b Warner	0
B C Lara not out	9
A L Logie not out	3
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (2 wkts)	17

R B Richardson, C L Hooper, M D Marshall, †D Williams, C E L Ambrose, H A G Anthony and I B A Allen to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-14.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett b Allen	1
P D Bowler c Lambert b Marshall	13
T J G O'Gorman b Ambrose	4
M Azharuddin c Ambrose b Hooper	72
C J Adams b Anthony	55
F A Griffith b Anthony	6
†K M Krikken c Richardson b Hooper	6
D G Cork not out	11
A E Warner b Hooper	7
Extras (b 5, lb 16, nb 8)	29
Total (8 wkts dec)	204

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-10, 3-51, 4-135, 5-171, 6-181, 7-182, 8-204.

I Folley and S J Base did not bat.

BOWLING: Ambrose 11-3-26-1; Allen 11-3-35-1; Anthony 13-0-45-2; Marshall 8-1-27-1; Hooper 22.2-7-50-3.

Umpires: B J Meyer and R A White.

Morris's goal is 90 runs

HUGH Morris, the Glamorgan opener, requires 90 runs from the Britannic Assurance championship match against Middlesex, starting at Sophia Gardens today, to become the first batsman to score 1,000 runs this season. If successful, he would be the first England-qualified player to achieve the feat since Chris Smith in 1985.

Smith himself is 38 runs behind Morris, but Hampshire, his county, are without a first-class fixture until next Tuesday. Salim Malik, of Essex, is next in line with 842, but has to wait a week until Essex's next championship match.

Middlesex, sorely hit by injuries to their quick bowlers, have registered Steven Sylvester, aged 23, a left-arm bowler from Chalfont St Peter, and he is expected to make his debut against Glamorgan.

Gavin Haynes, aged 21, an all-rounder with Stourbridge in the Birmingham League, is set to replace Ian Botham in the Worcestershire side for the match with Sussex at Hove.

Haynes has produced a string of impressive performances for the second XI. Gordon Lord returns to open the innings.

Durham savaged by slick Surrey

By JACK BAILEY

HARROGATE: Surrey beat Durham by 78 runs

IT WAS a chastened Durham team that wended their way home last night. To have appeared in the final of the Tilcon Trophy was one thing; to have been savaged quite as badly as this, quite another.

The name Bicknell will live long in the minds of Geoff Cook's young hopefuls. For after a promising beginning, when Surrey, having been put in for the first 32-over innings of a truncated match, were tottering at 23 for three, Darren Bicknell took over. A number of records went out of the window and the contest was virtually finished.

Bicknell scored 149 runs. He was undefeated at the end of a chanceless innings and he scored his runs from 111 balls, with six sixes and 14 fours. In passing, he beat the previous highest individual innings during the 16 years of this competition. Zaheer Abbas made 134 for Gloucestershire against Warwickshire in 1979.

In company with Ward, Bicknell added 155 from 117 balls, beating the previous all-comers' record held by Lamb and Geoff Cook himself.

Durham, facing a run rate of more than seven an over and nothing but pride to play for, failed to salvage much of it. Captain Cook kept one end going but Surrey would not allow his lambs to be shepherded. One by one, they left him.

SURREY

D J Bicknell not out	149
J D Robinson c Cook b Brown	0
†A J Stewart c Briers b Wood	0
M A Lynch b Wood	1
D M Ward c Bainbridge b Brown	51
G P Thorpe b Day	21
*I A Greig not out	3
Extras (b 8, lb 6, w 3)	17
Total (5 wkts, 32 overs)	242

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-13, 3-23, 4-178, 5-236.

K T Medlycott, M A Feltham, J Boiling and M P Bicknell did not bat.

BOWLING: Brown 7-1-53-2; Wood 6-1-28-2; Bainbridge 6-0-44-0; Day 6-0-46-1; Haseltine 7-0-57-0.

DURHAM

*G Cook c Lynch b Ward	102
G J Weeks b Feltham	1
N G Nicholson c Stewart b M P Bicknell	0
D A Blenkiron b M P Bicknell	6
P Bainbridge st Stewart b Medlycott	7
M P Briers run out	1
†A R Fothergill c and b Boiling	13
J Wood b Boiling	2
P A W Haseltine c Boiling b Robinson	2
S J Brown not out	10
Extras (b 6, lb 5, w 9)	20
Total (9 wkts, 32 overs)	164

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-9, 3-20, 4-42, 5-44, 6-88, 7-78, 8-85, 9-164.

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 6-0-24-2; Feltham 4-1-8-1; Medlycott 7-0-29-1; Boiling 7-1-29-2; Robinson 4-0-31-1; D J Bicknell 3-0-23-0; Ward 1-0-8-1

Umpires: G I Burgess and J D Bond.

RACING

Holland steps out in style on smart Jitterbugging

By MICHAEL SEELY, RACING CORRESPONDENT

DARRYLL Holland, 19 today, celebrated his birthday in advance at Newbury yesterday when riding Jitterbugging to a two-length victory over Aedean in the Kennett Maiden Stakes.

"Darryll's quite exceptional," said Barry Hills, the winning trainer. "The only trouble was that we didn't fancy Jitterbugging as Ruhr, a two-year-old who beats him on the gallops, was disappointing at Nottingham on Monday."

The season's leading apprentice with 31 victories to his credit, Holland has had a spate of winners in the past fortnight, his total of nine during that period only having been surpassed by Willie Carson and Pat Eddery.

Ray Cochrane and Alan Munro, are now successful jockeys who have spent time with Hills during their earlier days.

"I wasn't able to give Alan the opportunities I've been able to give Darryll," Hills went on, "You need to get them the right type of horse to learn on. Last year three of my owners and myself chipped in £10,000 apiece and bought four horses including Sinclair Boy and Monteros Boy."

Sinclair Boy is the horse on which Holland gained his first win at Southwell on May 8, 1990.

Holland has so far three booked mounts at next week's Royal Ascot. For Hills he will be riding Talos in the Britannia Stakes. He will also be on last year's runner-up Lucky Verdict, trained by Martin Pipe, in the Ascot Stakes and on Cantoris in the six-furlong Wokingham Stakes on the Friday.

Hills plans to have a least six runners. Bold Russian will be his candidate for the Queen Anne Stakes, the opening race of the four-day extravaganza.

On the Wednesday the consistent Lord Of Tusmore is strongly fancied for the Royal Hunt Cup and Further Flight is running in the Bessborough Stakes.

Other Ascot news came from Guy Harwood. Over a ten-year period, Pulborough's record is second only to that of Henry Cecil. Harwood's total of 23 winners from 110 runners has been gained at a remarkable strike rate of 20.9 per cent.

On Tuesday Fanmore, a comfortable winner of a handicap at Sandown, is to tackle Marju and other top-class milers in the group one St James's Palace Stakes. Other Pulnborough runners on the opening afternoon are Commendable in the King Edward VII Stakes and Royal Square, whose target is the Ascot Stakes.

Harwood plans to have a total of 11 runners including Dawson Place (Jersey Stakes,) Silver Rainbow (Queen's Vase) and Polish Patriot, who will run in the Cork And Orrery Stakes.

The trainer also has Scatter in the Royal Hunt Cup. "He'd only run if we have a lot of rain as he needs soft ground," said Harwood.

Willie Carson continues in irresistible form and by landing a double the dynamic Scot regained the lead from Eddery in the race for the jockeys' championship, now having 51 wins to his credit.

In the Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte Summer Stakes we were treated to a marvellous tussle between Carson on Vital Clue and Lester Piggott on Busted Rock. In the last furlong Vital Clue forged ahead to win by a length.

After Carson had again excelled himself when driving Last Exit to a short-head win over Bruce Raymond on Autocracy in the six-furlong Kingsclere Stakes, William Jarvis, the winning trainer, said that his best chance of winning a race at Royal Ascot would be with Krius, who will be attempting to repeat Weld's victory in the Queens Vase two seasons ago for Lord Howard de Walden.

If In The Groove, last week's Coronation Cup winner, runs in the Prince of Wales's Stakes at the royal meeting, David Elsworth will have to look for another jockey as Steve Cauthen is likely to be claimed for Michael Stoute's Sandown winner Stagecraft.

"It's all a bit up in the air at the moment," said Elsworth. "Apart from the jockey problem, the ground is already good to firm at Ascot. And I'm always worried about it getting hard. We want to go to Ascot, but we could still wait for the Eclipse."

After racing Lester Piggot rode Norton's Coin, the 1990 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, in a ten-furlong spin with Early Breeze, who was ridden by Graham McCourt. Afterwards, Matty McCourt, who has had Norton's Coin in his stables for just over a week, said: "I'm surprised at how much toe the horse has. Lester will ride him in the Queen Alexandra Stakes."

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BETTER CALL Stanley HILL
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YORK	101	201	301
SANDOWN PARK	102	202	302
SOUTHWELL	103	203	303
GOODWOOD	104	204	304
DONCASTER	105	205	305
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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newbury

Going: good (good to soft back straight)

2.00 (1m) 1, FOOLISH TOUCH (A Spence, 4-1); 2, Merlins Diver (A Simpson, 11-2); 3, Alkindo (D Thompson, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Farm Street, 13-2 Imagining (6th), 15-2 L'Uomo Classics (5th), 8 De La Billiere, 14 Lady Lacey (4th), 25 Victoria Princess. 9 ran. 4l, 1½l, nk, nk, nk. W Musson at Newmarket. Tote: £3.50; £1.80, £2.00, £2.60. DF: £14.20. CSF: £24.67. Tricast: £127.27. 1min 45.14sec.

2.35 (6f) 1, JITTERBUGGING (D Holland, 9-1); 2, Tina Goes (R Cochrane, 12-1); 3, Lake Dominion (A Munro, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Walking On Water, 11-2 Gold Wing, 8 Aedean (4th), Court Circuler, 9 Silver Wisp (5th), 10 Christian Warrior, 14 Sea Crown, 16 Holetown, 20 Tadora (6th), 33 Borram, Singara Image. 14 ran. 2l, sh hd, 2½l, 1½l, ¾l, 8 Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £8.60; £2.60, £5.60, £7.60. DF: £102.40. CSF: £111.06. 1min 18.10sec.

3.10 (1m 2f) 1, VITAL CLUE (W Carson, 7-4 fav; Thunderer's nap); 2, Busted Rock (L Piggott, 9-4); 3, High Beacon (Georgina Frost, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Castle Clown (5th), 13-2 Oshawa (4th), 5 ran. 1l, sh hd, 2l, 5l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £1.60. DF: £3.10. CSF: £5.86. 2min 11.73 sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.45 (6f) 1, LAST EXIT (W Carson, 100-30); 2, Autocracy (B Raymond, 3-1 fav); 3, Master Planner (T Quinn, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Noble Power (5th), Sound Investment (4th), 13-2 Gabes (pu), 8 ran. Sh hd, 5l, 4l, sh hd. W Jarvis at Newmarket. Tote: £3.50; £2.00, £1.70. DF: £3.60. CSF: £12.72. 1min 17.46sec.

4.20 (1m) 1, MONTPELIER BOY (A Cruz, 14-1); 2, Almost A Princess (W Carson, 14-1); 3, Vallauris (J Williams, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Fizz Time, 4 Ciboure (6th), 7 Major Rogers (5th), 9 Palang (4th), 14 Drawl, Wings Of Freedom, Far Apart, 33 Dark Isle. 11 ran. Nk, ½l, nk, nk, 6l. Lord Huntingdon at West Ilsley. Tote: £19.00; £3.80, £3.60, £1.70. DF: £70.70. CSF: £171.95. 1min 42.96sec.

4.55 (1m 4f) 1, ROBERTY LEA (J Fanning, 8-1); 2, Highland Goldch (W Carson, 8-1); 3, Belsalsamma (W R Swinburn, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Admiral Seal (5th), 9-2 Rare Detail (4th), 6 Moon Festival, 9 Mellonor (6th), 14 Kelda, Someone Brave, 20 Marina Society, Cossack Strike. 11 ran. NR: Gallateen. 3l, 3l, 2½l, nk, ¾l. T Fairhurst at Middleham. Tote: £9.10; £2.10, £2.90, £3.10. DF: £27.40. CSF: £58.62. Tricast: £487.16. Trio: £172.00. 2min 41.42sec.

Jackpot: £83,595 (Pool of £101,869.82 carried over to Sandown today).

Placepot: £980.10.

Hamilton Park

Going: good

2.30 (6f 4yd) 1, SHE'S SPECIAL (A Mackay, 5-2); 2, Lingdale Lass (J Lowe, 20-1); 3, Alnure (Ken Trisler, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Murray's Mazzle (5th), 5 Topclass Lady (6th), 8 Tereshenkov (4th), 14 Noble Tenor 7 ran. 2l, 1l, 6l, 8l, 8l. J Payne at Newmarket. Tote: £3.70; £1.70, £3.90. DF: £23.30. CSF: £37.58. Sold to P Caplan for 4,100gns.

3.00 (1m 3f 16yd) 1, NODDLE (D Nicholls, 5-1); 2, Indian Slave (J Carroll, 3-1 fav); 3, Lord Advocate (K Fallon, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Pearl Essence, 7 Sarah Bernt (4th), 8 Smugglers Gold, 10 Rustiman, 12 Lima St Nightmare, 16 Misty Night, 20 Golden Reverie (5th), 100 Jenpet (6th). 11 ran. 3½l, 12l, 2½l, ¾l, 3l. L Lungo at Carruthers town. Tote: £6.40; £1.90, £2.10, £2.40. DF: £11.30. CSF: £20.07. Tricast: £111.07.

3.30 (6f 5yd) 1, DOWN THE MIDDLE (G Carter, 11-4 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Darussalem (F Hutton, 9-2); 3, General Jo (S Wood, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Zinger (6th), 5 Jeans Valentine (4th), 12 Gaelic Chief, 14 Byards Leap, Wane's Secret (5th), 20 K C Rapide, 25 Barely Black, 33 Bidderis Love Lane. 11 ran. 3½l, 4l, 1l, 2l, 6l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £4.10; £1.40, £1.80, £11.00. DF: £8.60. CSF: £15.00. No bid.

4.00 (1m 65yd) 1, RICHMOND (L Charnock, 10-1); 2, Walk This Way (J Quinn, 9-2); 3, Valley Of Time (J Fortune, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Petoski's Choice (4th), 100-30 Rarfy's Dream (5th), 9-2 State Governor, 50 Clivoli, 66 Dancing Chief (6th), 200 Mr Mad. 9 ran. 2l, 2½l, ¾l, 10l, 1½l. Wainwright at Melton. Tote: £14.00; £3.00, £2.60, £2.30. DF: £23.60. CSF: £51.02.

4.30 (1m 1f 36yd) 1, DAWN GREY (J Bleasdale, 11-2); 2, Premier Royale (D Nicholls, 16-1); 3, Weekday Cross (K Darley, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Radio Caroline, 4 Midnight Saga (5th), 9-2 Dancing Street, 11-2 American Hero (4th), 10 Desert Victress, 14 Glenellane (6th). 9 ran. 1½l, ½l, 2l, 2½l, 5l. G Thornton at Middleham. Tote: £7.00; £2.60, £4.30, £5.00. DF: £80.00. CSF: £76.69. Tricast: £765.97.

5.00 (1m 5f 9yd) 1, WORTH OF MELTHAM (J Quinn, 14-1); 2, Highland Park (J Lowe, 85-40 fav); 3, Marchand Of Venice (G Husband, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Bruguse (4th), 6 J-Tec Boy, 10 Tia Wardie (5th), 20 Greenore Rose (5th), 25 Miss Hostess. 8 ran. Nk, 5l, 3l, 3½l, 25l. D Moffatt at Cartmel. Tote: £11.70; £1.70, £1.50, £1.40. DF: £10.80. CSF: £42.61. Tricast: £93.38. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £686.30.

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

Kempton Park

Going: good to soft

7.20 (1m 4f) 1, Bookcase (J Williams, 10-1); 2, Daddy's Darling (20-1); 3, Welsh Siren (11-1) Miss Askari 7-2 fav. 11 ran. NR: Minami Law Nk, ½l. D Elsworth. Tote: £14.00; £3.80, £2.50, £2.00. DF: £62.40. CSF: £169.62. Tricast: £1,398.24.

7.50 (7f) 1, Pipsqueak (Pat Eddery, 12-1); 2, Lilmore Dancer (25-1); 3, Misty Black (14-1). Steels 9-13 fav. 14 ran. 12l, 1½l. R Charlton Tote: £3.70; £1.80, £3.90, £3.10. DF: £345.00. CSF: £239.25.

8.20 (1m) 1, Something Quick (W Carson, 3-1 fav); 2, Magnetic's Crown (14-1); 3, Lady In Red (7-1). 10 ran. 1½l, 1l. R Hannon. Tote: £3.70; £1.70, £2.20, £2.00. DF: £15.90. CSF: £36.96. Tricast: £240.47.

8.50 (1m 2f) 1, Patricia (A Cruz, 14-1); 2, Remsell (3-1); 3, Fen Princess (20-1). Trishin 15-8 fav. 16 ran. NR: Privy Purse. Nk, 5l. H Cecil. Tote: £12.50; £2.90, £1.60, £3.40. DF: £16.30. CSF: £58.27.

Placepot: £98.50.

Hamilton Park

Going: good

7.30 (1m 3f 16yd) 1, Slender (J Bleasdale, 5-2); 2, Alkaber (66-1); 3, Mejed (4-5 fav). 6 ran. 1½l, 3½l. Denys Smith. Tote: £2.80; £1.30, £5.40. DF: £33.30. CSF: £56.07.

8.00 (6f 4yd) 1, Our Fan (J Carroll, 11-4 fav); 2, Dawes Of Nelson (9-2); 3, North Of Watford (6-1). 8 ran. 5l, 2½l. J Berry. Tote: £3.50; £2.00, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £9.70. CSF: £16.44. Tricast: £63.83.

8.30 (6f 5yd) 1, Prestonic (R P Elliott, 9-2); 2, Premier Choice (9-2); 3, Regal Romper (4-1 fav). 7 ran. 1½l, 5l. M Johnston. Tote: £3.00; £2.20, £2.80. DF: £7.00. CSF: £22.21.

9.00 (6f 5yd) 1, Langtonian (J Carroll, 7-2); 2, Stingray City (11-1); 3, Zoon San (11-8 fav). 8 ran. 5l, 1½l. J Berry. Tote: £4.80; £2.00, £5.20. DF: £41.10. CSF: £34.03.

9.30 (1m 65yd) 1, Matador (Dean McKeown, 7-2); 2, Classic Suits (9-1); 3, Fancy Me (4-1). Dumbreck 11-4 fav. 10 ran. 6l, 4l. F Lee. Tote: £4.60; £1.90, £2.20, £1.80. DF: £48.50. CSF: £34.60. Tricast: £124.55.

Placepot: £141.50.

POLO

Sladmore quick off the mark

By JOHN WATSON

AS THE challenge for the Royal Windsor Cup — involving 24 teams in eight leagues — approaches its final week, John Horswell's Sladmore squad defeated Geoffrey Lawson's Stilemans (received ½) by six goals to four-and-a-half at Smith's Lawn yesterday.

Sladmore were quick to overtake Stilemans' half-goal penalty advantage and thereafter never lost the lead. John Horswell and Patrick McIldowie, of New Zealand, the Sladmore strongmen, were too often allowed to ride loose and, had Stilemans' marking been more vigilant, they might have fared better.

When the score was 4-2½, early in the fourth chukka, Martin Glue, the five-goaler occupying Stilemans' pivot position, retired with a torn riding muscle. His substitute was Tony Ketye, another New Zealander. Ketye's handicap, four, is lower, but he played well, taking his side's penalty shots and converting a couple.

The second match, which demonstrated rather better polo than the first, produced a 7-4 victory for Lord Milford Haven's Broncos over Peter Grace's Ascot Park.

Will Lucas opened the account for Broncos, and although Victoria Grace, the player-patron's daughter, put Ascot Park into a lead which they retained until the fourth chukka, Ezcurra and Lucas combined to put the Broncos, who were the better-balanced side, back in front. Lucas scored four of his team's goals.

SLADMORE. 1, J Ingram (0); 2, P Mclldowie (5); 3, J Horswell (6); Back: E Horswell (4).

STILEMANS: 1, G Lawson (1); 2, R Graham (5); 3, M Glue (5; sub: T Ketye, 4); Back: W Heeley (2).

BRONCOS: 1, G Farley (1); 2, W Lucas (6); 3, T Ezcurra (6); Back: Lord Milford Haven (2).

ASCOT PARK: 1, V Grace (1); 2, M D Rose (1); 3, A Diaz Albardi (10); Back: P Grace (3).

EQUESTRIANISM

Whitaker rides clear on calm Red Wings

By JENNY MACARTHUR

MICHAEL Whitaker, who tomorrow attempts a third win in the King George V Gold Cup, made a propitious start to the four-day Royal International Horse Show at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, yesterday, when he and Henderson Red Wings, his reliable speed horse, won the opening international class, the NEC Opening Chorus.

Whitaker, who has just returned from Switzerland, where he was in the British team which finished second in the Nations Cup, now uses the brilliant 13-year-old for a handful of key British shows. Last year, the gelding, who is a son of Red Flight, Whitaker's former leading show-jumping mare, won around £15,000 from five shows.

This year he has been to only one big show before Birmingham — the Hickstead Nations Cup meeting where they were second in the Dubai speed grand prix. "He's a fantastic speed horse — he's so calm you can gallop and gallop him," Whitaker said.

That was evident yesterday. Whitaker hardly needed to take a pull as the gelding jumped fast and cleanly round the 12-fence course, relegating Nick Skelton, on the nimble Alan Paul Florida, to second place by one-and-a-quarter seconds.

With Monsanta and Tees Hanauer resting before the German Nations Cup in Aachen next week, Whitaker's hopes of a third King's Cup lie with the 13-year-old My Messieur, the winner of the Tulip Computers Trophy last year.

Earlier, Amanda-Jane Young, who works the night shift at her local supermarket in Northampton to finance her riding, had a taste of success when she and her daughter, Nicola, aged 12, won the Daily Mail Family Challenge.

RESULTS: NEC Opening Chorus: 1, Henderson Red Wings (M Whitaker); 0 in 44.97sec; 2, Alan Paul Florida (N Skelton); 0 in 46.22; 3, Allan Paul Wallonin (G Billington), 0 in 46.41. Daily Mail Family Challenge: 1, Ladies' Luck (A-J Young) and Tiger Bay (M Young), 61.1sec. Winter Graded A and B championships: 1, High Mill (J Harris), 0 in 27.02; 2, Dong Sheng Digby (R Barton), 0 in 27.81; 3, Spiritful (M Orzaczewska), 0 in 29.3.

Hunters: Heavyweight: 1, M Dewes' Hobo (R Olver); 2, J Ashmole's On Approval (W Bryan); 3, CAP Ltd's Company Asset (P Richmond). Middleweight: 1, R Crabb's King's Warrior (R Oliver); 2, A Bolitho's Trengwainton Manakin (R Trigg); 3 Mr and Mrs J Rawdlings' Ballymoreen (S Rawlings). Lightweight: 1, Mr and Mrs D Curtis's Sudden Flight (D Whiteman); 2, Mr and Mrs A McCowan's Into The Night (A McCowan); 3, A Murray's Mogul (S Rawlings).

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Former Wimbledon champion continues his successful rehabilitation with a win at Queen's Club

Cash tames hurricane conditions

By ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

PAT Cash said he did not mind who his opponent was in the fourth round of the Stella Artois tournament today. "It could be my grandmother or Stefan Edberg out there," he said, after an easy win over Todd Woodbridge yesterday. It will be Stefan Edberg.

Edberg, the No. 1 seed, survived a 66-minute interruption for rain to beat Jason Stoltenberg 6-4, 6-4 and set up a third meeting with the Australian this year. Both previous matches were won by the Swede.

Cash felt he had to cope with much severer conditions. "It was a hurricane," he said. "You've no idea how difficult it was to play out there. The conditions were impossible." But only for Woodbridge, who still seemed to be thinking about his five-set defeat by Becker in the French Open two weeks ago and made a series of elementary errors.

Cash has been more than a little reticent about his return to form in recent days. Like a man whistling to feign nonchalance, he has been trying to deflect questions about Wimbledon and sighs heavily when asked to compare this year's version with that of 1987 when he became Wimbledon champion. But he has now dropped only 13 games in three matches at Queen's this week.

"It's like putting building blocks together," he said. "Today, I did some things better than yesterday. Gradually, it's coming together."

Surprisingly for a grass-court specialist, the first signs of that appeared at the French Open two weeks ago. He lost to Andrei Cherkasov on clay, his least favoured surface, but emerged after five sets with his confidence at a high in time for the grass-court season.

The final of Beckenham – not his favourite hunting ground – last week, where he lost to Ivan Lendl only after a third-set tie-break, confirmed an improvement which, for a man not blessed with the patience of a saint, has been agonisingly slow. Woodbridge, for one, was impressed.

"He looked very sharp to me," he said. "He has always been one of the better players on grass. If he is serving and volleying well, he is always in with a chance."

Edberg echoed the sentiments. "He is tough to beat on any surface and he could be one of the tougher players at Wimbledon because he is such a natural grasscourt player," the Swede said.

Cash beat Edberg at the same stage at Queen's in 1987 before losing to Jimmy Connors. Four years on, both Cash and Connors hope to crown comebacks at Wimbledon in suitable style.

Connors was yesterday given one of the last three wild cards by Wimbledon and will play his nineteenth championships. Well though he played at the French Open, the return of the twice champion will be more of a sentimental journey. Cash will be travelling with intent.

Jeremy Bates and Nick Brown, who, with Chris Wilkinson, received the other two wild cards, had an eventful day. They began it by finishing off their first-round doubles 13-11 in the third set.

In the evening, they beat Kevin Curren, Bates's regular partner, and Neil Broad 6-4, 7-6 to reach the third round.

☐ Ekaterina Roubnova, the 13-year-old Soviet prospect who would like to play for Britain, will almost certainly have to wait three years to get her wish.

The youngster, daughter of Lawn Tennis Association coach, Olga Morozova, who was Wimbledon women's singles runner-up in 1974, has already had one application for British status turned down by the International Tennis Federation a month ago.

Now Richard Lewis, the LTA tennis supremo, says: "It's true that Ekaterina wishes to play for Britain and we shall reapply on her behalf to the ITF when we feel the time is ripe."

RESULTS: Third round: A Jarryd (Swe) bt J Oncins (Br), 6-2, 6-1; J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt C van Rensburg (SA), 6-7, 6-4, 6-4; P Cash (Aus) bt T Woodbridge (Aus), 6-2, 6-1.

IAN STEWART



Power thrust: Cash on his way to victory over Woodbridge in the Stella Artois tournament yesterday

Gomer a positive defeatist

By BARRY WOOD

☐ FLORENCE (AP) – Unseeded Eduardo Masso, of Argentina, upset Javier Sanchez, of Spain, in straight sets yesterday to earn a quarter-final place in the Florence tournament, an Italian leg of the ATP tour.

Masso, defeated Sanchez 6-3, 7-6 in second-round action.

SARA Gomer yesterday demonstrated one of the glaring differences between British players and many of those from overseas, after she had tested the defending champion, No. 2 seed, and Wimbledon finalist, Zina Garrison, in the third round of the Dow Classic.

After her 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 defeat, Gomer admitted: "I thought I was a long way from winning. There's a big difference between being close and actually winning." Negative thoughts are a common enough factor in British tennis but if Gomer had been able to maintain the high standard of her first set, there is every chance she would have reached the quarter-finals.

She capitalised on a tentative start by Garrison – breaking her to love in the opening game – and impressed with the manner in which she fended off five break points in the next game.

It was a remarkably positive performance, in which she showed an encouraging ability to volley a respectable number of winners. But once Garrison had settled, she began a comeback, saving a set-point at 5-2 before taking the first eight points of the second set. An early break in the third should have been enough to tie things up but with Gomer refusing to fold, Garrison had to dig deep to close the match out.

RESULTS: Third round: B Schultz (Neth) bt N Tauziat (Fr), 6-3, 7-5; C Suire (Fr) bt B Cordwell (NZ), 6-0, 7-6; M De Swardt (SA) bt G Magers (US), 6-3, 6-4; L McNeil (US) bt A Henrickson (US), 6-2, 6-3; N Zvereva (USSR) bt K Date (Japan), 6-3, 6-1; Z Garrison (US) bt S Gomer (GB), 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

GOLF

Kane makes light of heavy winds to oust champion

By PATRICIA DAVIES

LORIE Kane, a Canadian with a maple leaf shaved into the side of her head, scythed into the third round of the British women's championship with a scintillating display of putting at Pannal, near Harrogate, yesterday.

In the afternoon, against Julie Hall, the defending champion, Kane, from Prince Edward Island, was three under par when the match ended on the 14th. By Hall's reckoning (and she had the best view), the Canadian had ten single putts and needed only 18 in all.

Having been six under par when she beat Julie Foster, the Welsh international, in the morning, Kane probably failed to notice that it was the most hideous of golfing days, blowing half a gale and often raining. Putting, someone should have told her, was fiendishly difficult.

Louise Briers, for instance, might have mentioned that the two-footers were not as easy as they should have been. Buffeted by the wind, the Australian, a finalist in 1986, missed from that distance to lose the 17th to Mary McKenna, who had herself missed from four feet. McKenna, thus reprieved, was back to all square and played the last hole impeccably, hitting a perfect drive and four-iron to 25 feet for a winning par-four.

It is the Irishwoman's 23rd consecutive championship and she meets Kane this morning as she makes her annual attempt to reach the final for the first time. A semi-finalist twice, she felt she was in the doldrums two winters ago and took herself off to Florida to consult David Leadbetter. "It gave me a new zest, a new way of thinking," McKenna, aged 42, said.

The jinx on the leading qualifier struck again, with Aline Van Der Haegen losing to Fiona Edmond at the sixth extra hole. Up at half past five on a filthy morning, Edmond's steam ran out at the last hole in the afternoon. The England international had a ten-footer to win her second-round match against Mhairi McKay, a a Scot aged 16, but took three putts, to lose.

FIRST ROUND: F Edmond (Frinton-on-Sea) bt A Van der Haegen (Bel), at 24th, M McKay (Turnberry) bt T Samuel (Can), 2 and 1; C Lambert (Stirling University) bt P Gorman (Maione), 5 and 5; K Tebbet (East Devon) bt J Hickmott (Wrotham Heath), 6 and 5; V McGreevy (Stirling University) bt C Morguo D'Algue (Fr), at 20th; J Hockley (Felixstowe Ferry) bt S Mendiburu (Fr), 1 hole; J Moodie (Windyhill) bt V Cassidy (Dundalk), at 22nd; W Doolan (Aus) bt A Gardiner (Whitherby), 7 and 6; L Beers (Aus) bt I Murphy (Fermoy), 6 and 5; M McKenna (Donabate) bt S Clendge (Stinchcombe Hill), 4 and 2; J Hall (Felixstowe Ferry) bt E Biron (Can), 4 and 3; L Kane (Can) bt J Foster (Pontardawe), 4 and 3; C Boutayre (Fr) bt M McKinley (Stanmore and Strone), 3 and 2; C Quintarelli (Italy) bt E Farquharson (Deeside), 1 hole; L Dermott (Royal Liverpool) bt S Lowo (Broadstone Dorset), 5 and 3; V Thomas (Pennard) bt J Berry (Coumoor), 6 and 5; D Bourson (Fr) bt K Rostron (Clitheroe), 5 and 4.

J Higgins (NZ) bt V Pernard (Fr), 2 holes. J Morley (Sale) bt S Lambert (Coombe Hill), 5 and 4; C Hourihane (Woodbrook) bt G Simpson (Cleckheaton and Dist), 5 and 4; F Anderson (Blairgowrie) bt L Fletcher (Alnmouth), 1 hole; E Kennedy (Aus) bt A Brighouse (Ormskirk), 2 and 1; C Hall (Filton) bt S Burnell (Burnham and Berrow), 6 and 4; V Michaud (Fr) bt S Turner (Bull Bay), 6 and 4; A O'Sullivan (Monkstown) bt L Walton (Calcot Park), 1 hole; E McDaid (Skibbereen) bt K Egford (Bramshaw), 5 and 4; M Wright (Dumfries and County) bt K Poppmeier (Aut), 2 and 1; M McGuire (NZ) bt A Rose (Stirling), 4 and 2; N Buxton (Woodsome Hall) bt K Fitzgerald (Turnberry), 3 and 2; L Aldridge (NZ) bt D Jackson (Cochrane Castle), 3 and 2; J Shearwood (Aus) bt K Firth (Huddersfield), 4 and 2.

SECOND ROUND: McKay bt Edmond, 1 hole; Lambert bt Tebbet, 1 hole; McGreevy bt Hockley, 2 and 1; Doolan bt Moodie, 4 and 3; McKenna bt Briers, 1 hole; Kane bt Hall, 5 and 4; Boutayre bt Quintarelli, 1 hole; Thomas bt Dermott, 4 and 2; Bourson bt Higgins, 1 hole; Morley bt Hourihane, 2 holes; Smith bt Anderson, 1 hole; C Hall bt Kennedy, 4 and 3; Michaud bt O'Sullivan; 2 and 1; Wright bt McDaid 1 hole; Buxton bt McGuire, 1 hole; Shearwood bt Aldridge, 3 and 1.

Way out in front after recovering

PAUL Way proved he has recovered from a freak injury by taking a share of the first-round lead in the Belgian Open yesterday.

Way suffered badly bruised ribs during an impromptu karate demonstration by the PGA European Tour's martial arts expert, Peter Mitchell. He took pain-killers for a week, and is only now able to swing freely.

The European Open champion of 1987, Way, aged 28, has suffered four years in the golf wilderness since that win. But at Royal Waterloo he recorded a five-under-par 67 to share the lead with his playing partner, Paul Broadhurst.

Way, from Tonbridge, has just changed his grip on the advice of his coach, Dennis Pugh. "The club was slipping in my hand and I used to wear out a hole in my glove every round," he said. "Now I hold it more in my palm and I can keep the gloves going longer."

Way, who is 44th in the European money-list, is aiming to follow the example of his former Ryder Cup partner, Severiano Ballesteros, and secure a victory or two to earn his place against the Americans in September.

Broadhurst, 25, is another of Britain's bright young hopes who has failed to live up to expectations after claiming the 1989 rookie-of-the-year award and winning the Cannes Open the same season.

He has been suffering from a hook all season, and was afflicted again at the first hole yesterday to take a bogey. But Broadhurst stormed back with four more birdies before catching Way with an eagle three at the 17th, courtesy of a 30-foot putt.

Strong gusts and occasional downpours made low scoring elusive, with Mark James needing birdies at his final two holes for a level-par 72.

Gordon Brand Jr, also hoping to win a place at Kiawah Island, returned a disappointing 73.

Per-Ulrik Johansson, of Sweden, is a stroke behind the two leaders.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 67: P Way; P Broadhurst. 68: P-U Johansson (Swe). 69: L Carbonetti (Arg); O Moore (Aus); P Carrigill. 70: R Karlsson (Swe); J Angladа (Sp); J Berendt (Arg); A D'Oglimont (Bel); C Rocca (It); J Spence; C Williams; B Lane. 71: M McLean; S Luna (Sp); O Sellberg (Swe); P Baker; P McWhinney (Aus); A Gilmer (Swe), W Longmuir. 72: M Farry (Fr); M James; J Cocares (Arg); C Hardin (Swe); M Mouland; D Gilford; A Hare; C Cookson (US); C Patton (US); S Struever (Ger); D A Russell; D Cooper; D Durnian; L Trimmer (Aus); D James; F George; M Hoegberg (Swe).

73: A Seavedra (Arg); O Eskildsen (Den); R Mackenzie (Chile); K Trimble (Aus); O Dobson (Fr); R Bos (Neth); O Edmond (Fr); V Forsbrand (Swe); H Baiocchi (SA); Daniel Silva (Por); G Brand Jr; J Bennett; S Bennett.

IN BRIEF

Moorhouse spurred

ADRIAN Moorhouse confronts Norbert Rozsa in the 100 metres breaststroke final at Canet, southern France, this weekend with his ambition sharpened after being pushed to third place in the world for the first time in six years. Vasily Ivanov, of the Soviet Union, matched the Hungarian's world record on Tuesday.

"I'd like to go to Athens [for the European championships in August] as top man," Moorhouse said. "I've eased off for three weeks before Canet and I'm feeling very good. When you lose a world record, that has to be the target; it's definitely mine."

GOLF: Sam Torrance took the first-round lead in the £30,000 Scottish Professional championship at Erskine yesterday with a four-under-par 67, one stroke clear of Craig Maltman.

BASKETBALL: The Chicago Bulls beat the Los Angeles Lakers 108-101 to claim their first National Basketball Association championship.

RUGBY LEAGUE: New Zealand scored 11 tries as they defeated France 60-6 in the first Test in Auckland yesterday.

CYCLING: Silvio Martinello pipped Stefano Allocchio, his fellow Italian, to win the eighteenth stage of the Italian cycling Tour in Castelfranco Veneto. Franco Chioccioli, who finished in the same time, retained the overall lead and enters the three final stages with a lead of 2min 54sec over Claudio Chiappucci. Laurent Fignon, of France, pulled out with leg pain after Wednesday's stage.

MOTOR RACING: Peter Warr, the former director of Team Lotus, will take over as secretary of the British Racing Drivers' Club on July 1.

ATHLETICS: The combined Harvard-Yale universities team beat Birmingham University past and present by 12 events to eight at Birmingham in the first fixture of their quadrennial tour. The American team meets Oxford-Cambridge on Saturday.

CRICKET: Derbyshire have switched their Refuge Assurance League match against Somerset on Sunday from Checkley, Staffordshire, to the county ground in Derby. Bob Lark, the chief executive, cleared Checkley staff but said the venue had received heavy rains.

HOCKEY

Kerly denies Irish challenge

From SYDNEY FRISKIN IN PARIS

ENGLAND played themselves into a comfortable position in the European Cup yesterday, but had to fight off a spirited challenge by Ireland before securing a 3-1 victory.

England began impressively and were well into their stride in the early minutes. The Irish defence was caught napping in the eleventh minute when Williams broke clear on the right, and though his first shot from a difficult angle came back off the goalkeeper, his second attempt was stopped illegally by Martin, who conceded a penalty stroke. Potter made no mistake from the spot. Eight minutes later, Williams was in high gear again to earn England their first short corner, which Kerly converted, opting for a gentle push rather than a hit.

In contrast, a sudden surge by the Irish brought them a short corner from which they had no luck. Cooke's shot was saved by Rowlands and Johnson misfired on the follow-up.

Ireland revived their spirits within six minutes of the start of the second half, when Cooke converted a short corner with a strong hit. Yet Burns, one Ireland's beat forwards, was soon removed from the scene after being injured, leaving Ireland in slight disarray.

Their efforts to regain ground were thwarted by a solid England defence, in which Potter and Faulkner were outstanding. The final drama was provided by Mayer, a substitute for Williams, who, after exchanging passes within seconds of his arrival, set up a chance for Kerly to make England's position safe.

RESULTS: Pool A: Poland 3, Italy 1. Pool B: Belgium 0, Germany 4; England 3, Ireland 1 Today's matches: Pool A: Soviet Union v Poland; Switzerland v Italy. Pool B: Belgium v Spain; Wales v Germany.

ATHLETICS

Mistake preserves Thompson record

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

ANY threat that Dan O'Brien might have posed to Daley Thompson's decathlon world record in the United States national championships disappeared on the first day because of the absence of a wind-gauge for the 100 metres. O'Brien achieved the best first-day score ever, but went into the second day unable to challenge Thompson's record, set in 1984, because of confusion between sponsors who each thought the other was supplying the gauge.

O'Brien's 4,747 points compared with Thompson's first-day 4,677, which he set on his way to the present world record.

The four-day championships, which will determine the US team for the world championships in Tokyo this summer, made a shambolic start. New York was staging top competition for the first time in 25 years, but the high jump and long jump areas at Downing stadium were not ready.

In addition, Butch Reynolds, the suspended 400 metres world record-holder, said that he would run in the championships, despite attempts by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) to stop him.

"I'm running," Reynolds said. "If I run 60 seconds, I'm running." Reynolds, whose world record is 43.29sec, was due to to run in a 400-metre preliminary heat late last night, even though the IAAF had said on Wednesday that it had instructed American athletics authorities not to allow Reynolds to run.

Reynolds was banned for two years by the IAAF in November after testing positive for anabolic steroids at a meeting in Monte Carlo. However, the American Arbitration Association announced on Monday it had temporarily lifted the ban to enable Reynolds to compete in the US championships. A United States Olympic Committee (USOC) spokesman said Reynolds would be eligible for the Pan-American Games in Havana in August if he ran well at the championships.

☐ Ben Johnson, who has been commanding vast appearance fees since his return to competition after suspension for drug-taking, is to run for free in Tonsberg, Norway, tomorrow, but on condition that he does not have to meet the press. In Limerick tonight, two of the British European Cup team announced on Tuesday, Paul Edwards (shot) and Paul Head (hammer), lead England against the Soviet Union and Ireland.

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Ripley on target in tense finale

By JANE WYATT

IN A dramatic finish to the women's air rifle competition at the National Wheelchair Games in Stoke Mandeville, Deanna Coates was ousted from her position as British women's champion by one point in the standing event by Dorothy Ripley, 365-364 (Jane Wyatt writes).

The two women continued their shoot-for-shot contest in the prone event to end with equal scores of 390. Stephanie Parkes again took the bronze.

In the weightlifting, Anthony Peddle, of Northampton, continued to show excellent form, taking the gold in the up to 48-kilogrammes division, with a lift of 145kg, beating his own games record of 137kg.

Other games records fell to Jim Jameson, in the 52-56kg division, with a lift of 130kg, and in the women's 48-52kg division, where Nicola Libby lifted 55kg.

RESULTS: Basketball: Quarter-finals: Oldham Owls 44, Telford Celtics 38; LGS Jets 46, Greenbank Meteors 33; Capital City Jazz 61, Cambridge Vikings 23; Milton Keynes Aces 48, Team Thistle 38. Table-tennis: Men: Open: 1, N Robinson; 2, M Evans; 3, C Bull. Women: Open: 1, V Back; 2, C Wharton; 3, J Blackburn. Shooting: Air-pistol: Women: 1, I Barr, 370; 2, C Johnson, 332; 3, L Wills, 317. Men: 1, J Hepburn, 541; 2, K Smith, 540; 3, P Thompson and A Corrie, 518. Air-rifle: Men: Standing: 1, P Mills, 354; 2, J Campbell, 352; 3, J Iverson, 344. Prone: 1, J Campbell, 398, 2, J Iverson, 388; 3, P Mills, 385. Women: Standing: 1, D Ripley, 365; 2, D Coates, 364; 3, S Parkes, 351. Prone: 1, D Ripley and D Coates, 390; 3, S Parkes, 385.

British Wheelchair Bowls Championships: Aylesbury: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: K Bridgeman bt J Seller, 21-14; H Haydock bt G Shepherd, 21-9; P Hubell bt A Wallace, 21-19; W Behan bt D Peacock, 21-10. Men's pairs: Quarter-finals: J Gronow and K Bridgeman bt C Jones and A Wallace, 16-5; R Daft and R Farmath bt W Behan and K Vicary, 17-9; T McCarthy and G Shepherd bt S Mitchell and P Hubell, 18-14; J Seller and I Prior bt R Horwood and D Peacock, 12-11.

YACHTING

Dickson sets the pace

TWO rival New Zealand skippers, Chris Dickson, who is unbeaten, and Russell Courts, lead the French Kouros Cup match race championship, leaving Eddie Warden Owen, of Britain, fighting in fifth place to make the cut and tomorrow's semi-final (Barry Pickthall writes).

POSITIONS (after ten rounds): 1, C Dickson (NZ), ten wins; 2, R Coutts (NZ), 9; equal 3, C Ieler (US) and T Peponnet (Fr), 8; 5, E Warden Owen (GB), 6; 6, M Paloc (Fr), 5; 7, V Bandalowski (Den), 4; equal 8, C Law (GB) and P Thomson (Can), 3.

ROWING

Lady Margaret take over women's races

By a CORRESPONDENT

IN THE Cambridge University May races yesterday, Lady Margaret took over at the top of the women's competition when they lowered Churchill's colours just before the Railings. Jesus moved up to third place at the expense of Emmanuel halfway up the Long Reach.

Yesterday's bumps

Men

FOURTH DIVISION: Peterhouse II bpd Pembroke II; Magdalene III bpd Downing III, Wolfson bpd LMBC V; Girton II bpd Jesus IV; Emmanuel III bpd King's II.

FIFTH DIVISION: Corpus Christi III bpd Christ's IV; LMBC VII bpd Pembroke IV; CCAT bpd 1st and 3rd Trinity IV; Robinson II bpd Downing IV; Queens' IV bpd Jesus V.

SIXTH DIVISION: King's III over-bpd Magdalene IV; LMBC VIII bpd 1st and 3rd Trinity V; Girton III over-bpd Jesus VI; Trinity Hall IV bpd Wolfson II; St Catherine's IV over-bpd Hughes Hall; 1st and 3rd Trinity VI bpd Homerton; Churchill V bpd Corpus Christi IV; Trinity Hall VI bpd Corpus Christi V.

Women

FIRST DIVISION: LMBC bpd Churchill; Jesus bpd Emmanuel; Trinity Hall bpd Queens'; Girton bpd St Catharine's; Pembroke bpd Downing; Sidney Sussex bpd New Hall.

SECOND DIVISION: LMBC II bpd Robinson; Selwyn bpd Christ's; Peterhouse bpd Girton II; Magdalene over-bpd Jesus III; Newnham II bpd Pembroke II.

THIRD DIVISION: Magdalene bpd St Catharine's II, Fitzwilliam bpd Clare II; Darwin bpd CCAT; Caius II bpd St Edmund's House; LMBC III bpd New Hall III; LMBC IV bpd Homerton III.

FOURTH DIVISION: Emmanuel II bpd Churchill II; St Catharine's III bpd Christ's II; Trinity Hall II bpd Homerton IV; Corpus Christi II bpd Jesus IV; Sidney Sussex II bpd Newnham III; Queens' III bpd Corpus Christi III.

Today's starting order

Men

FOURTH DIVISION: , Pembroke III, Darwin, Sidney Sussex II, Magdalene III, Downing III, Queens' II, LMBC VI, Wolfson, LMBC V, Girton II, Jesus IV, Selwyn III, Clare IV, Emmanuel III, King's II.

FIFTH DIVISION: Christ's III, Corpus Christi II, Christ's IV, Churchill IV, LMBC VII, Pembroke IV, , CCAT, 1st and 3rd Trinity IV, Robinson II, Downing IV, Emmanuel IV, Sidney Sussex III, Queens' IV, Jesus V.

SIXTH DIVISION: King's III, LMBC VIII, 1st and 3rd Trinity V, Magdalene IV, Clare V, Girton III, Trinity Hall IV, Wolfson II, Jesus VI, St Catharine's V, 1st and 3rd Trinity VI, Homerton, Hughes Hall, Churchill V, Corpus Christi IV, Trinity Hall VI, Corpus Christi V, Magdalen V.

Women

FIRST DIVISION: LMBC, Churchill, Jesus, Emmanuel, Veterinary School, Trinity Hall, Queens', Newnham, Girton, St Catharine's, Pembroke, Downing, Homerton, Clare, Sidney Sussex, New Hall.

SECOND DIVISION: LMBC II, Robinson, CMABC, Selwyn, Christ's, Caius, 1st and 3rd Trinity, Jesus II, Corpus Christi, Addenbrooke's, New Hall II, Peterhouse, Girton II, Magdalene, Newnham II, Pembroke II.

THIRD DIVISION: Jesus III, St Catharine's II, Homerton II, Queens' II, Fitzwilliam, Clare II, Darwin, CCAT, Wolfson, Selwyn II, Caius II, St Edmund's House, LMBC III, New Hall III, LMBC IV, Homerton III.

FOURTH DIVISION: Emmanuel II, Churchill II, St Catherine's II, Christ's II, Magdalene II, Trinity Hall II, Homerton IV, Corpus Christi II, Jesus IV, Sidney Sussex II, Newnham III, Queens' III, Corpus Christi III, Emmanuel III, Christ's III, Sidney Sussex III.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

BIRMINGHAM: Birmingham University past and present v Harvard-Yale universities (selected winners): 200m: N Will (Birmingham), 20.92sec. High jump: B Reilly (guest), 2.23m. Pole vault: A Ashurst (Birmingham), 5.20m. Discus: N Sweeney (Harvard-Yale), 57.35m. Overall result: Harvard-Yale 12, Birmingham 8.

OSLO: 110m hurdles: 1, C Jackson (GB), 13.48sec; 2, M McKoy (Can), 13.68; 3, D Nelson (GB), 14.10.

DUISBURG, Germany: Women's 200m: First race: M Otley (Jam), 10.91sec (fastest of year). Second race: K Krabbe (Ger), 11.09.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Oakland A's 3, Detroit Tigers 1; Seattle Mariners 5, Boston Red Sox 3; Milwaukee Brewers 8, California Angels 0; Kansas City Royals 9, Baltimore Orioles 8 (10 innis); Toronto Blue Jays 1, Cleveland Indians 0; Minnesota Twins 6, New York Yankees 3; Texas Rangers 4, Chicago White Sox 2.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 8, San Francisco Giants 1; Montreal Expos 10, Cincinnati Reds 9; Pittsburgh Pirates 2, Los Angeles Dodgers 1; Atlanta Braves 8, New York Mets 1; Houston Astros 3, Philadelphia Phillies 2; San Diego Padres 7, St Louis Cardinals 2.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Finals: Chicago Bulls 108, Los Angeles Lakers 101 (Chicago win series 4-1).

WOMEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group A: Israel 91, Czechoslovakia 90. Group B: Yugoslavia 83, Italy 61; Italy 70, Poland 51; Yugoslavia 75, Soviet Union 74.

BOXING

MARINA DI SORSO, Italy: European flyweight championship (12 rnds). Salvador Fenn (It, holder) bt Danny Porter (GB), rsc 9th rnd

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Shifnal: Cornwall 184-8 dec (P B Wormald 4-28) and 127 (J S Roberts 4-25); Shropshire 174-4 dec (J Foster 59) and 140-1 (J B S Jones 72 not out). Shropshire won by 9 wickets.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Bournemouth: Hampshire 212 (K R James 56); Gloucestershire 122-2 (A J Hunt 78 not out). Stringbourne: Kent 248 (J F Barr 52 not out; G Palmer 4-84) and 81-2; Derbyshire 293 (S C Goldsmith 80, A M Brown 52). Worthington Simpson: Essex 115 (J A Allard 4-28, J G Field-Buss 4-34) and 49-0; Nottinghamshire 403-8 dec (M Newell 139, M Saxelby 61 not out, D J R Martindale 52). Old Northamptonians: Northamptonshire 295 (A Roberts 94; M Lee 4-91). Surrey 183-8 (A Pemberthy 4-65). Todmorden: Yorkshire 91 (P Martin 6-33); Lancashire 40-0. No play yesterday – match drawn. Teddington: Middlesex 245 (M A Roseberry 80; E S H Giddins 4-74) and 187-3 dec (I J F Hutchinson 75, M A Roseberry 70); Sussex 160 (P N Weekes 7-80) and 95 (P N Weekes 4-35, I A Barnett 6-25). Middlesex won by 177 runs. Abergavenny: Glamorgan 50-1 v Worcestershire. No play yesterday – match drawn. Glastonbury: Somerset 250-6 dec (I G Swallow 85 not out, N J Pringle 63) and 80-0 dec; Leicestershire 59-3 dec and 136 (M I Gidley 68 not out; A R Caddick 5-60). Somerset won by 115 runs.

FENNER'S: Cambridge University 265-5 dec (M J Morris 122, J P Arscott 81); Combined Services 23-2.

NATIONAL VILLAGE CHAMPIONSHIP: Third round: Great and Little Tew 142-7, Tetsworth 144-6; Tiddington 164, Bletchington 104-9, Shirvenham 127, Oxford Downs 131-1; Long Hanborough 149-9, Dorchester-on-Thames 68; Great Kingshill 180-8, Bledlow 120. Cotered 185-8, Holwell 77; Blunham 71, Great Chesterfords 72-0; Langleybury 228-5, Sampfords 119-7; Tuddenham 300-7, Great Leigh 100-3, Tendring Park 176-5, Great Bentley 178-2; Boxted 205-4, Wetherden 191-2; Wickhampton 202-4, Urchfont 170; Cattistock 125-5, Parley 127-7; Redlynch 212-8, Shrewton 106-8, Goatacre 204-8, Little Dumford and Fonthill 182; Chew Magna 244-8, Pasford and Pordbury 197-9; Uphill Castle 225-8, Brompton Ralph 108; Wick 234-4, North Perrott 237-7; Wembdon 240-8, Barrow Gurney 150-8; Goldcliffney 218-8, Veryan 217-4; Praze 64, Troon 65-1; Constantine 135-8, Paul 129; Leadstown 212-8, Wendron 121-8; Marhamnoot 161, Roche 163-4; Grampound Road 189-5, Mount Ambrose 155-5, Ippleppen 171-9, Fenton 143; Speshot 187-7, Warwell 85; Hambledon 149-8, Longparish 127; Twyford 110, Panton 111-2; Paulsons 118-9, Burridge 120-1; Rowledge 151-8, Frensham 152-6; Poynings 188, Colemans Hatch 187-7; Ashurst (Sussex) 165-7, Glyne and Beddingham 185-3; Ardingly 145-7, Outwood 140; Newick 176-9, Mansfield 84; St Lawrence 80, Felconhurst 83-1; Headcorn 192-7, Ightham 185; Linton Park 253-5, Castle Hill 76.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bethany 109, *Ewell Castle 103; Devon Dumplings 111, *Exeter 88-8. * denotes home team.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Eighteenth stage: (Pozza di Fassa to Castelfranco Veneto, 150km) (Italy unless stated): 1, S Martinello, 4hr 39min 34sec; 2, S Allocchio; 3, J Svorada (Cz); 4, M Cipollini; 5, G Pidercini; 6, E Lazzi, all same time. Overall: 1, F Chiocciol, 69hr 28min 13sec; 2, C Chiappucci, 2min 54sec behind; 3, M Lelli, 3:38; 4, E Boyer (Fr), 6.38; 5, G Bugno, 7.09, 6, L Sierra (Ven), 7.57.

FOOTBALL

MALMO: Four-nation tournament: Italy 2, Denmark 0 (set).

PADOVA, Italy: European under-21 championship qualifying: Group three: Italy 1, Soviet Union 0.

SPANISH CUP: Quarter-finals, first leg: FC Barcelona 4, Sevilla 0; Valencia 1, Real Mallorca 0; Logrones 2, Sporting Gijon 0.

CZECHOSLOVAK LEAGUE: Sparta Prague 3, Dukla Banska Bystrica 0; Slovan Bratislava 1, Tatran Agro Presov 0; Slavia Prague 1, Sigma Olomouc 1; Banik Ostrava 5, SKP Union Cheb 0; Nitra 2, Dukla Prague 1; DAC Dunajska Streda 1, Inter Bratislava 3; Zbrojovka Brno 1, Bohemians Prague 2; Spartak Hradec Kralove 3, TJ Vitkovice 2.

AUSTRIAN LEAGUE: Sturm Graz 2, DSV Alpine 1; Admira Wacker Wien 2, Austria Vienna 2; Austria Salzburg 1, FK Tyrol 2; Rapid Vienna 0, Vorwarts Steyr 2. Final positions (after 26 matches): 1, Austria Vienna 39; 2, FK Tyrol 35; 3, Sturm Graz 32.

SWISS LEAGUE: Lausanne 1, Servette Geneva 3; Lugano 3, Grasshoppers Zurich 3; FC Sion 2, Lucerne 3; Young Boys Berne 2, Neuchatel Xamax 0. Final positions: 1, Grasshoppers Zurich 33pts; 2, FC Sion 28; 3, Neuchatel Xamax 23.

GOLF

HILL SAMUEL SCHOOLS FOURSOMES: Second round: Berkhamsted 2, Winchester 1; Warwick 2, Stowe 1; Rugby 0, Coventry 3. Regional finals: St Anselm's 2, Ressall 1, Bradfield 2, Berkhamsted 1; Warwick 2, Coventry 1.

SAPPORO, Japan: Men's tournament: First round (Japan unless stated): 68: T Ueno, S Ikeuchi, Y Nitzeli. 69: F Ino, N Yohara, S Ebihara, S Maeda. 70: Y Hagawa, T Nakajima, S Higashi, G Marsh (Aus).

RUGBY LEAGUE

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: New Zealand 60, France 6 (in Auckland).

SNOOKER

ANTWERP: European Masters League: A Drago (Malta) bt J White (Eng), 5-3.

SPEEDWAY

GOLD CUP: Second division: Long Eaton 58 (J Stasshmann 18, C Blackbird 13 M Blackbird 12), Glasgow 34 (S Lawson 11)

EVENING RACING

Chepstow

Going: good

6.30 (7f 16yd) 1, Profit A Prendire (Elaine Bronson, 5-1 jt-fav). 2, Krisfield (10-1); 3, Shawinliga (5-1 jt-fav); 4, Bill Moon (11-2). 22 ran. 2½l, ¾l. D Wilson. Tote: £5.00; £1.50, £2.00, £1.40, £1.80. DF: £16.50. CSF: £49.98. Tricast: £242.45

7.00 (1m 14yd) 1, Charmed Knave (T Williams, 7-2 fav); 2, Great Gusto (14-1); 3, Persian Dynasty (9-1). 15 ran. 1¼l, nk. D Laing. Tote: £4.10; £2.10, £5.20, £1.70. DF: £72.00. CSF: £45.27. Tricast: £368.82.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tour match

11.0

DERBY: Derbyshire v West Indians.

Britannic Assurance county championship

11.0, 110 overs minimum

CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Middlesex.
GLOUCESTER: Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire.
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Surrey.
HOVE: Sussex v Worcestershire
HARROGATE: Yorkshire v Kent.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Abergavenny: Glamorgan v Worcestershire Todmorden: Yorkshire v Lancashire.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: International match: Scotland v New Zealand (Methilhill)
BOXING: British amateur junior championships (Cardiff).
EQUESTRIANISM: Royal International Horse Show (NEC, Birmingham).
GOLF: British Women's Open Amateur Championship (Pannal GC); THF seniors tournament (Wollaton Park, Nottingham)
SPEEDWAY: First division Gold Cup: Berwick v Cradley Heath (8.0); Oxford v Kings Lynn (7.45) Sunbrite National League: Second division: Hackney v Arena Essex (8.0); Peterborough v Newcastle (7.30). Speedway Star Cup: Second round, second leg: Belle Vue v Wolverhampton (7.30) Second division Gold Cup: Edinburgh v Middlesbrough (7.15).
SPORT FOR THE DISABLED: National Wheelchair Games (Stoke Mandeville).
SWIMMING: Scottish ASA championships (East Kilbride).
TENNIS: Stella Artois grass court championships (Queen's Club); Dow Classic (Edgbaston).

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Problems remain over S Africa's re-admission



Ramsamy: still problems

By DAVID MILLER

THE International Olympic Committee (IOC) session yesterday accepted the report of the delegation that visited South Africa two months ago, and recommended conditional re-admission to the Olympic movement. It is, however, by no means certain that South Africa will take part in either the Olympic Games in Albertville or Barcelona next year.

Although the South African government is committed to the abolition, by the end of this month, of the last remaining apartheid act, Population Registration, there is still much left to be fulfilled in the other four conditions that were fundamental to the terms given by the delegation headed by the former judge, Keba M'Baye, of Senegal. For a start, South Africa still does not have an official Olympic committee.

On July 9, the Interim National Olympic Committee of South Africa (Inocsa) will have a meeting with the IOC in Lausanne, and although on the surface, relationships between the different bodies comprising Inocsa appear stable, there is much resistance to a hasty return to international sport from the South African Council on Sport (Sacos). The position of Sacos has always been overtly political, primarily representing the Asian more than the black population, and these differences on some of the basic issues of South Africa's reintegration remain unresolved.

Neither M'Baye nor Sam Ramsamy, the former radical activist working for South Africa's exclusion and now a leading figure within Inocsa, were yesterday identifying the Sacos problem, but this undoubtedly stands between South Africa and a quick return.

I think it must be unlikely at this stage, in spite of all the activity by the International Amateur Athletic Federation after the IOC's initiative, that there will be athletes from South Africa taking part in the world championships in Tokyo in August. Harry Hendricks, the chairman of the Sacos athletics federation, is reluctant to agree to the present terms of a unified athletics body.

Besides the abolition of the apartheid laws, the IOC delegation's conditions are: the formation of an Olympic committee; the creation of a unified national federation; the re-establishment of relations with individual African and world governing bodies; and the uniform availability of facilities.

The formation and acceptance of a National Olympic Committee requires that at least five national sports federations have international affiliation. A unified national body has so far effectively been achieved in football, will be established tomorrow in basketball, next month in boxing, and is near to fulfilment in table tennis. If the athletics situation could be resolved then there would be the minimum five.

Until these things have happened it will not be possible for the IOC to issue an invitation to Barcelona in July, though it is agreed that the invitation may be sent at any stage when the conditions have been fulfilled.

There are 15 South African national Olympic federations that do not have a conflict of various racial counterparts; in other words there exists only the original white body. These will not be accepted into Inocsa, or a new Olympic body, until they have established the non-racial unified principles, regarding membership and facilities, that are essential in those sports where there has to be an amalgamation of different governing bodies.

At a press conference yesterday Keba M'Baye said: "Unification at the moment is on course. We will present the executive board with more detailed proposals following the meeting on July 9, but it would be premature at the moment to say what those proposals might be."

Maxwell ready to join bidding for Tottenham

By DENNIS SIGNY AND MARTIN BARROW

THE nine-month fight for Tottenham Hotspur could end today. Robert Maxwell is expected to announce the sale of Derby County and his intention to purchase the north London club and its holding company, which is £20 million in debt.

The likely outcome of a Maxwell takeover of Tottenham would be the retention of Irving Scholar as chairman of the football club and the departure of Terry Venables, whose contract as manager expired at the end of May. Maxwell would also try to stop the sale of Paul Gascoigne to Lazio, of Rome, for £4.5 million.

A formidable obstacle to the publisher's ambition to control Tottenham should be removed today with the sale, for £5 million, of his 76 per cent interest in Derby to a consortium headed by Peter Gadsby, a property developer, and a group of the present directors, which is led by Brian Fearn.

The formalities of a deal were being completed last night by the merchant bankers, Hill Samuel. Fearn would be Derby's new chairman, with Gadsby given the vice-chairmanship as well as a guarantee of taking control of the club in the future.

The Fearn-Gadsby link is regarded as not only in the best interests of Derby, but is also convenient for Maxwell, who has stepped up his efforts to sell the club in the last two weeks so he could make his move for Tottenham. Football League regulations forbid a person having a controlling interest in more than one club.

In spite of Maxwell's probable bid, the Tottenham board was continuing talks with advisers to Alan Sugar, the Amstrad chairman, who is backing the proposals of Terry Venables, the manager, for the refinancing of the club. Sources close to Tottenham played down suggestions that Sugar and Venables would step aside if Maxwell made an offer. Sugar is believed to have made progress in negotiations with Irving Scholar and Paul Bobroff, who together own 37 per cent of the shares.

However, Scholar, the major shareholder, with a 26 per cent holding, favours Maxwell rather than Venables and Sugar. Last season, Maxwell loaned £1.1 million through one of his companies to a company of Scholar's to help ease Tottenham's problems.

Tottenham may today announce the appointment of a new director. The name of David Butler, an insolvency expert, was mentioned in conjunction with the appointment last night.

It would be the first step towards satisfying one of the conditions of the Midland Bank, which is owed £11 million by Tottenham — namely the strengthening of its main board — for extending the football club's overdraft facilities for a year.

Ian Gray, the current chief executive, will remain as a director with an operational role. At present, Nat Solomon, the chairman, is the only other executive member of the board.

Maxwell's move for Tottenham comes as no surprise; he had been linked with the club since as long ago as last September. However, he had seemed in no special hurry to sell Derby, who went on the market with at £8 million price tag last September, until he suddenly imposed a deadline for bids.

That flushed out four contenders. In addition to Gadsby and Fearn, there was interest from a Sheffield consortium, probably led by Reg Brealey, the former Sheffield United chairman, and a London group represented by John Gregory, a former Derby and England midfield player.

With none prepared to go above £4 million, Hill Samuel proposed a merger between the two Derby-based bidders. The price of £5 million represents a considerable profit to Maxwell, who spent £850,000 to rescue Derby from closure in 1984 and has since loaned the club a further £800,000.

It is believed that about £3 million of the Derby take-over price will have to be financed from the sale of Mark Wright, the England defender, and Dean Saunders, the Wales forward, who are together valued at £6 million. That would would leave about £3 million available for Arthur Cox, the manager, to begin rebuilding a side recently relegated from the first division.

Super league is not on agenda

THE looming spectre of the Football Association's attempt to "capture" the top 18 clubs and form its own super league is unlikely to affect the routine business of the Football League's annual meeting in London today.

No mention of the controversial Premier League proposal appears on the agenda — and it promises to be the quietest annual meeting for years. Ian Cotton, the League spokesman, said: "There is sufficient normal AGM business to discuss without bringing in the FA's proposals. It is a separate issue that needs to be addressed and that will happen at two other meetings next week when the so-called super league plan will be discussed specifically."

The 93 League clubs will concern themselves with voting on minor alterations to League regulations and other routine matters such as floodlighting improvements, sizes of pitches, and pay rises for officials as well as bowing to police pressure for no more than one replay in Rumbelows Cup matches next season.

The Management Committee are proposing penalty shoot-outs to decide all ties.

Storm halts Faldo's recovery

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT
CHASKA, MINNESOTA

A HEAVY thunderstorm interrupted a wonderful recovery by Nick Faldo in the US Open on the Hazeltine course here yesterday. The course was drenched as a dramatic electric storm broke overhead causing 50,000 spectators to seek cover and safety from forked lightning.

Only minutes before play was suspended, Faldo had made three birdies in four holes from the 11th to get to one under par.

He had set out in hot sunshine with the course having been softened following a heavy thunderstorm which ended two hours before play began. There was a light breeze, although a stronger one would have been welcomed because of the oppressive conditions.

From the start Faldo seemed to lack his normal authority. He pulled his first tee shot into a bunker and from there narrowly missed the green on the left. A good pitch to two feet enabled him to save par, as did Phil Mickelson, the youngest player in the field and one of only four amateurs. However, Hale Irwin, Faldo's other playing partner, failed to do so from a bunker.

Faldo could not rescue himself at the second, where from light rough behind the green his chip came up ten feet short. The third is rated the toughest hole on the first nine and teeing-off into the prevailing wind, Faldo favoured an iron for safety. However, he once again pulled the ball into a bunker. His next finished in thick rough from where he had to hack out with his sand wedge. He finished with a six, but Mickelson took one more after a series of adventures in the trees.

Once again, Faldo pulled his shot from the next tee. The ball settled into fluffy rough just off the putting surface. This time Faldo used his putter and jabbed the ball out and from 40 feet it ran to within two feet of the hole.

Faldo used an iron again at the fifth and he left himself with a shot of more than 200 yards to the green. He struck the approach well, although the putt from 28 feet for a birdie missed.

Irwin, the defending champion, returned to level par with a birdie from 14 feet at the 6th, where Faldo did well to two putt from fully 50 feet, and he made another birdie at the seventh with a lovely chip to three feet. Mickelson went into the trees, chipped out, hit his third to 16 feet from where he nonchalantly holed for an unlikely birdie. Faldo reached the green in two, but he needud three putts to cover the length of a cricket pitch.

Faldo, out in 37, dropped another at the 10th, at which point he seemed to decide it was time to get his act together. He did, too, with a birdie at the 11th, a two at the 13th and another at the 14th shortly before there was an ominous rumble of thunder. One flash of lightning and the United States Golf Association wasted little time in suspending play at 12.49pm local time.

Billy Andrade, who has won the last two events on the US Tour, was the first player to suggest that the course, regarded by Tom Watson as the best he has played at a US Open, could be conquered. He had five birdies in six holes from the third, but he met his Waterloo at the 11th. There he hit into an unplayable lie, dropped and found a bunker with his next. He eventually lipped out from five feet and took eight. Andrade shrugged his shoulders and smiled.

Ronan Rafferty, out in 39, looked less than happy, although alongside him Craig Parry, of Australia, and Corey Pavin were both enjoying themselves. Parry, who won the Italian Open in May, was out in 34 to Pavin's 35. They both featured on the leaderboard at that stage, as did Irwin, who, with a birdie at the 14th, joined Faldo among others at one under par.

José-María Olazábal, of Spain, went to the turn in 37. He had a birdie from the 10th but dropped shots at the 11th and 14th before to the suspension.

John Inman momentarily took over as leader when he had a hole in one at the 4th.

EARLY SCORES (US unless stated): 72: S Gotsche. 73: S Utley. 76: J Hough, R Walcher. 77: R Lasken, E Johnson, B Tennyson. 78: J Stuart, B Sherfy. 80: J Datriche. 83: T Dear, L Garcia. 81: C Devers. 82: G Daves

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	440	4	10	410	4
2	435	4	11	556	5
3	580	5	12	432	4
4	194	3	13	204	3
5	412	4	14	357	4
6	405	4	15	580	5
7	518	5	16	394	4
8	166	3	17	182	3
9	432	4	18	452	4
Out	3,582	36	In	3,567	36

Total yardage: 7,149 Par: 72



Champion in trouble: Irwin plays out of a bunker on the 1st at Hazeltine yesterday

Golfers oppose television replay

DALLAS (AP) — Preferring to call penalties on themselves, several golfers are opposing the use of instant television replay by the United States Golf Association (USGA).

"I guess we don't have much of a vote in it," Andrew Magee said after USGA officials announced that concern about two recent television rulings on the PGA Tour will prompt them to monitor coverage of the US Open.

The USGA said it would resort to instant replay if needed. The 91st US Open began yesterday at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minnesota.

The decision by the PGA Tour's policy board to discontinue instant replay will not apply to the US Open, because it is a USGA event. Tom Meeks, the USGA director of rules and competitions, said, adding that the USGA also will have an official accompany each group of players for the first time since 1976, paying particular attention to slow play.

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Patrese is unconcerned by Mexican altitude worries

From NORMAN HOWELL IN MEXICO CITY

FORMULA One motor racing has arrived in Mexico City, the sprawling capital of a country which does not have much in common with the glitz associated with the sport. Nearly 8,000 feet above sea level, whatever air is left after the pollution has taken its toll is thinner and affects both drivers and engines.

Most teams have come here early to acclimatise themselves and the engines to the unusual circumstances they will face at the Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez. Riccardo Patrese, however, thinks too much is made of the altitude factor.

"Yes, there are slight adjustments to be made. Maybe there is some power loss, too," he said. "But it's the same for everybody and, with the incredible electronic facilities the engineers have, anything can be compensated for."

The main difficulty at the track will be negotiating the very fast banked 180-degree Peraltada bend, just before the pits straight. "You have to have strong nerves for that corner," Stefano Modena said.

Modena will be hoping to drive around it safely in his Tyrrell-Honda for the required 69 laps and confirm the excellent result he had in Montreal less than two weeks ago when he finished second to Nelson Piquet.

Yet, he must be bothered by the fact that Harvey Postlethwaite, Tyrrell's brilliant designer, has left for the Sauber Mercedes world sportscar championship team. It will harm Tyrrell's chances of breaking into the top of the league.

One thing Nigel Mansell has is strong nerves. He will be enjoying the chance to once more take on the McLarens and hope that his gearbox holds out until the end.

There has been much debate over whether he should have pushed as hard as he did during the closing stages in Canada. He led by a minute until his gearbox failed and he spluttered to a halt on the final lap.

Patrese thinks Mansell may have been a little imprudent, while Renault, the French engine manufacturer which supplies the Williams team, has cleared him from blame.

Yet it seems the problem may lie partly in Mansell's driving style. Now that he is using the semi-automatic gearbox, he does not "blip" the throttle as he changes down — something drivers do to ease the gear-change.

According to sources at Renault, had he done that, he might have managed to keep the revs up and avoided the engine stalling.

Guests at grand prix

TOMORROW, *The Times* presents a special opportunity for a reader and a companion to the the guests of the Marlboro McLaren team for a luxury visit to the British grand prix at Silverstone on July 14.

More respect would lighten Taylor's load as manager

From STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, KUALA LUMPUR

BEFORE returning home yesterday, Graham Taylor spoke of oppressive heat. He was not necessarily referring to the conditions in which the England football tour finished here, but to the way in which the England manager has been treated. That has been the most surprising feature of his first season in charge.

Taylor feels that he and his predecessors have not been held in the esteem the role deserves. In spite of setting a record by remaining undefeated in his first dozen internationals, he claims that he is still a victim of criticism which is unjustifiably harsh.

"Irrespective of whom the incumbent is, the England manager does not command enough respect," he said after the 4-2 win in Malaysia. "I think the position is kicked around too much and it is allowed to be kicked about. Until you are in the job, you don't realise how little status it holds."

In view of his belief, which echoes that of Bobby Robson, it is not surprising that he was reluctant to embark on a tour that represented a potentially hazardous journey, since the games against Australia, New Zealand, twice, and Malaysia, were regarded as full internationals. He was aware of the consequences had his team been beaten.

"I don't see why we should take unnecessary risks, especially when we don't know who will be available. If Crystal Palace and Nottingham Forest had not released their nine players, I think we would have lost one of these matches. There was pressure on us to win.

"If we had lost, we would have had to live with it for the rest of our careers." That fate, though, was avoided. The unbeaten sequence was maintained and he found a couple of newcomers on whom he can rely.

Although Salako benefited from opponents who were defensively naive, the Crystal Palace winger is now among those competing for the place held principally by Barnes. Charles, though, is potentially the greater discovery in the long-term because he has fewer rivals in his position as the understudy to Dixon and Stevens at right back.

Batty, Clough and especially Thomas, who was one of five to have started in each of the tour games, are genuine challengers for the six or seven places which, Taylor says, are still open in the party for the qualifying stages of the 1994 World Cup. The nucleus has already been established.

Never again, at least not while Taylor is the national manager, will promising young players be asked to stake their claims in conditions ranging from Arctic to tropical. He has already recommended to the Football Association's international committee that England should, in future, visit the country which is about to stage the next World Cup.

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